Hafa Adai!

Saipan Tribune

CNMI'S FIRST DAILY NEWSPAPER

Volume XX, Issue No. 60 | FRIDAY MARCH 12, 2010 | www.saipantribune.com | 50¢

OPINION METER

This week's poll:

Do you intend to participate in the 24th Annual Red Cross Walkathon on Saturday, March 27?

Let your voice be heard! Go to www.saipantribune.com to cast your vote.

INSIDE

Delegate Bet

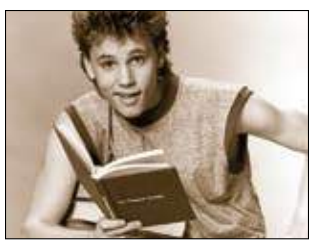
The Covenant Party has named Joseph James N. Camacho as its delegate candidate .

LOCAL...Page 6

Richest Man

Mexican telecom tycoon Carlos Slim is now the world's richest person.

BUSINESS...Page 20



Tragic Tale

Corey Haim's story adds another chapter to Hollywood's tragic history of careers ravaged by drugs.

LIFE & STYLE...Page 27

AFTER LISTENING TO PARENTS, EDUCATORS' CONCERNS

House kills austerity bill

By HAIDEE V. EUGENIO
haidee_eugenio@saipantribune.com
REPORTER

» Fitial: Lawmakers succumbed to pressure despite fiscal crisis

The House of Representatives "filed" yesterday the committee report on the controversial austerity bill, effectively killing the measure after some 30 parents, teachers, and other education officials from Saipan, Tinian and Rota urged lawmakers not to pass the measure.

See HOUSE on Page 4

HAIDEE V. EUGENIO

From left, Public School System's Early Childhood Special Education coordinator Suzanne Lizama, PSS federal programs officer Tim Thornburg, Education Commissioner Dr. Rita A. Sablan, Rep. Ray N. Yumul (R-Saipan), Rep. Ramon Tebuteb (R-Saipan), and Rep. Eli Cabrera (R-Saipan) during a break in the House of Representatives session yesterday morning.

Torres renews call to fire Fernandez

Torres

By HAIDEE V. EUGENIO
haidee_eugenio@saipantribune.com
REPORTER

Rep. Stanley Torres (Ind-Saipan) renewed his call yesterday for the Board of Regents to terminate Northern Marianas College president Dr. Carmen Fernandez, who has been suspended from her job since January.

Torres made a privilege speech in yesterday's House session, similar to one he delivered on Feb. 23. This time

See TORRES on Page 4

THS brings home 4 gold, 1 bronze medals

By MONETH G. DEPOSA
moneth_deposa@saipantribune.com
REPORTER

Tinian High School students capped the CNMI's dominance in this year's Chamorro Language Competition in Guam, bagging four gold medals and a bronze in Tuesday's contest that saw the participation of hundreds of students from Guam and the CNMI.

The medal haul brings to nine the total number of gold medals won by Commonwealth students, on top of nine silver and six bronze medals.

Led by acting principal Julian Hofschneider, the 16-member Tinian delegation emerged overall champion in the female and male singing, proficiency, and cultural interpretation categories.

Chloe Hofschneider successfully

See THS on Page 4

CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

Tinian High School team members pose with their coaches during Tuesday's Chamorro Competition in Guam.

Case of tourist killed in traffic accident languishes

- Tourist, 71, hit by car last July, died Dec. 26 at CHC
- DPS source: Traffic investigators fail to follow up case
- Victim's body remains unclaimed at CHC morgue

By FERDIE DE LA TORRE
ferdie_delatorre@saipantribune.com
REPORTER

A 71-year-old female Japanese tourist passed away last Dec. 26 at the Commonwealth Health Center, five months after being hit by a car in San Antonio in July. Her death has, however, fallen

See CASE on Page 4

Man found guilty of sexually abusing 2 boys. PAGE 2

Task force arrests 2 suspected 'ice' traffickers. PAGE 3

BlackBerry Bold

Introducing the newest
BlackBerry® Bold™ 9700 Smartphone.

- New Design, Smaller Footprint
- New Trackpad Navigation
- New Mute Button
- New Phone Lock Button
- Email and Internet Browser
- BlackBerry App World™
- 3.2 MP Camera

$379*

Join Today club red

BlackBerry®, RIM®, Research In Motion®, SureType®, SurePress™ and related trademarks, names and logos are the property of Research In Motion Limited and are registered and/or used in the U.S. and countries around the world.
*New activation on 24 month agreement and BlackBerry® data required.

NTT docomo
DOCOMO PACIFIC
483-CARE | www.docomopacific.com | Typhoon-Proven
Gualo Rai, Middle Road • Mita Travel, Garapan

American Red Cross

Start Time: 6:00am ★ Location: 4-H building-Susupe
★★★ Lots of fun for the whole family ★★★

A $15.00 donation receives a t-shirt and mini First Aid Kit
Free Sandwich and refreshments for walkers
DPH Health Fair ★ Blood Pressure Checks
NMC CREES Cooking demonstration
Carnival Games ★ Face Painting
Petting Zoo ★ DPS-Fire big truck show

Please support the American Red Cross

For more information please call the NMI Chapter at 234-3459

Premier Sponsors
Coca-Cola FOREMOST SUBWAY eat fresh. GLIMPSES ADVERTISING GLIMPSES PUBLICATIONS Scoops

Local

Man found guilty of sexually abusing 2 boys

By FERDIE DE LA TORRE
ferdie_delatorre@saipantribune.com
REPORTER

CNMI Superior Court jurors have found a 40-year-old man guilty of molesting a boy and of trying to molest another.

After two days of deliberations, the six jurors returned a guilty verdict yesterday against Shafiqul Islam, a Bangladeshi, on charges of sexual abuse of a minor in the first degree and attempted sexual abuse of a minor in the first degree.

Superior Court Associate Judge David Wiseman set the sentencing for April 28, 2010, at 9am. The judge ordered the Adult Probation Office to prepare a pre-sentencing report.

Citing the seriousness of the crimes, Wiseman revoked Islam's bail and remanded him into the custody of the Department of Corrections.

Wiseman told Islam he is free to file motions.

Assistant public defender, counsel for Islam, refused to comment on the verdict.

In an interview with *Saipan Tribune* after the hearing, assistant attorney general Brian Gallagher said the Commonwealth is very pleased with the verdict.

"The jury paid attention to the witnesses. The Child Protective Services did an outstanding job in the investigation as did members of the Department of Public Safety and members of the Attorney General's Office," Gallagher said.

All credit, however, goes to the two victims who had the courage to stand up and testify, he said. "It's very difficult thing for them to do," he added.

Gallagher said each count has a minimum mandatory prison term of eight years.

After the clerk of court read the verdict and the jurors were excused, Gallagher asked that Islam's bail be revoked, considering that he has already been convicted and is facing a substantial period of incarceration. He said there is evidence that Islam is a flight risk.

The prosecutor said the minimum sentence is eight years and that he will recommend consecutive sentences, for a total of 16 years in prison.

Islam's trial began on Monday. He was accused of sexually abusing a 12-year-old boy in exchange for $2. He also attempted to sexually abuse an 11-year-old boy after offering him $2.

According to the prosecution, the incidents happened at a barracks and in a room at the Muslim mosque in Garapan between August and September 2009.

Islam used to work as a carpenter. He is now jobless.

CPA affirms termination of grazing permit

By MONETH G. DEPOSA
moneth_deposa@saipantribune.com
REPORTER

The Commonwealth Ports Authority board of directors has affirmed the decision of former executive director Efrain Camacho to terminate the grazing permit the agency issued to a rancher in 2004.

The board sanctioned the termination during Tuesday's meeting, despite rancher Joaquin Guerrero's request for reconsideration, saying he didn't use the property as a result of a water project initiated in the area five years ago. The lot is located near the Saipan International Airport.

Guerrero had informed CPA in April 2005 about the complications he was facing with his grazing area as a result of the CUC water project. At that time, he had asked that the size of his land lease be decreased. The board approved cutting the lease size to 25 hectares.

CPA decided to terminate Guerrero's grazing permit in September last year after determining that the lessee had abandoned the property and two months after the agency received applications from other parties who wanted to lease the area.

During Tuesday's special meeting, the board approved a new lease agreement for the same 25-hectare property to Jesus Quitano and Gregory Camacho Jr., who secured the temporary land use permit for cattle grazing. Besides the $25 application fee, the new lessees were assessed additional fees of $30 per hectare per year.

According to CPA executive director Edward Deleon Guerrero, the new permit is subject to renewal every year.

In January this year, Guerrero approached CPA to ask it to rescind the former executive director's letter of termination, claming the decision was "unfair and without basis" because he never abandoned the area, as claimed by the former official. Guerrero is also being asked to pay CPA $1,312 representing back payments covering the years he claimed he did not use the property.

Joaquin Guerrero is the brother of CPA executive director Edward Deleon Guerrero.

Planning a weekend getaway? Or any other day?
CALL US OR VISIT OUR WEBSITE TO MAKE YOUR RESERVATION.

CHALAN KANOA BEACH HOTEL
P.O. Box 500356, Saipan, MP 96950
Tel.: 234-7829 Fax.: 234-6534
Website: www.ckbeachhotel.com
E-mail:ckbc@ite.net or ckbc1@ite.net

Wanted
People to work in the hotel industry!

Join the class just starting and get a good job while learning!

Everyone welcome—regardless of age or gender. The only requirement is a willingness to learn. Tuition aid available.

Northern Marianas Trades Institute

Call now! 235-6684

Task force arrests 2 suspected 'ice' traffickers

Authorities catch juvenile with marijuana during raid

By FERDIE DE LA TORRE
ferdie_delatorre@saipantribune.com
REPORTER

Members of the CNMI Drug Task Force arrested two suspected "ice" traffickers and a male juvenile for possession of marijuana Wednesday night.

Ignacio A. Deleon Guerrero, 56, and George Taitano Manglona, 28, were arrested for trafficking of a controlled substance, and illegal possession of controlled substance.

A 17-year-old male was arrested for illegal possession of a controlled substance (marijuana) and was brought to the Juvenile Detention Facility in Kagman.

According to court documents, authorities served the arrest warrant on Deleon Guerrero and Manglona in Chalan Kanoa and San Vicente respectively.

A $30,000 cash bail each was initially imposed for their temporary release. A bail hearing was set yesterday afternoon before associate judge David Wiseman.

Department of Public Safety spokesman Jason Tarkong said members of the CNMI Drug Enforcement Task Force, aided by the Tactical Response Enforcement Team and Criminal Investigation Bureau, raided Deleon Guerrero's house along Emilia Avenue in Chalan Kanoa Wednesday at 10:11pm.

Tarkong said the juvenile at the scene was caught in possession of marijuana.

During a search of the house, officers found "ice," marijuana, drug paraphernalia, large and small weight scales and several Ziploc baggies, Tarkong said.

At the time of the raid, another set of officers served the arrest warrant on Manglona at his mother's house in San Vicente.

Manglona

Deleon-Guerrero

Tarkong said officers also searched Manglona's car and recovered drug paraphernalia, ammunition, and other contraband.

Drug Enforcement Task Force detective Sean White stated in his report that they received information from a "cooperating source" that Deleon Guerrero, also known as Ike Kabayu, and Manglona were selling "ice" at Deleon Guerrero's house.

The two allegedly used a tin house located at Deleon Guerrero's Chalan Kanoa property for the use of "ice" users. White said the two have been receiving stolen property and firearms in exchange for "ice."

The "cooperating source" claimed to have seen Manglona in possession of .9mm pistol used to intimidate "ice" customers.

On Monday, White said, Task Force members used another "cooperating source" to buy $40 worth of "ice" from Deleon Guerrero. On Tuesday, White said, they were able to purchase $50 worth of "ice" from Manglona, who also allegedly agreed to sell his pistol to the "cooperating source."

That same day, the detective said, the Task Force asked the "cooperating source" to purchase the gun, but Manglona stated that the firearm was in a car being used by another person.

Last Feb. 22, the Superior Court issued a bench warrant for Manglona's arrest for failing to appear in court for a previous case of assault and battery, and disturbing the peace.

TOY SALE!!!
20% DISCOUNT
ON SELECTED Hasbro TOYS
GI JOE STAR WARS TRANSFORMERS
GARAPAN TEL. 234-8040
REGULAR HOURS: Mon. - Sat. 9am - 9pm
Sun. 10am - 6pm
LOLLIPOPS

H&R BLOCK®
Tax Services
Ground Flr. Saipan Gold Beach Hotel
Beach Road, South Garapan
PO Box 503630 Saipan, MP 96950
Tel: (670) 235-4728 • Fax: (670) 235-6726
Tax Season Business Hours
(February 15- April 15, 2010)
8:00am to 8:00pm Monday through Friday
10:00am to 5:00pm Saturday and Sunday
Tijuana Mexican Restaurant | Gold Beach Hotel H&R BLOCK | Joe's Bar & Grill VFW
To Duty Free Shop — Beach Road, South Garapan — To San Jose

Friendly Beauty Salon
"Because you deserve to look great."
Come in and experience the up-to-date technology of digital perm.
- Cut & Style
- Color
- Hi-lites/Low-lites
- Hair Rebonding
- Hair Relaxes
- Digital Perm
- Make-up
- Eyebrow Shaping
- Waxing
- Wedding packages also available

Edwin
Hairstylist
286-8549
Early appointment available
All walk-ins welcomed.
Look for Edwin, a 10-year professional hairdresser.
Cut and bring coupon to our Salon and get 50% price off!
Tel.: 234-8988, 898-1612
Located in Monsignor Guerrero Rd. between San Jose Mart and Feng Hua Store

Lent Special
at The Palms

Minami Restaurant has unveiled Seafood Specials Every Friday during Lent as well as those who simply love Seafood. In addition to an array of Seafood delicacies, don't forget to try our "Fish Oil Special".

Every Friday
Minami Restaurant
6:00 pm – 9:00 pm
$38.00 adult & $19.00 child
San Roque Club welcome
20% Local Discount Applicable

The Palms on PauPau Beach
For more information or reservation, please call 322-3311.

KEVIN'S VIDEO II
special
Rent (5) five DVD's
Get (2) two DVD's free rental
GOOD UNTIL OFFER LAST.

The Party Place!
POON'S RESTAURANT
Chinese and Indonesian Food
Serving Saipan since 1983
We have a delightful party menu starting at just $7.99 per guest!
• kids under 4 eat free •
(100 guest comfortable seating capacity)
Try our All Day Specials for only $4.50
with Rice, Soup and Iced Tea or Hot Tea
(Take-out order available)
Monday - Sunday
Lunch: 10:30am-2:00pm • Dinner: 5:30pm-10:00pm
Call 234-6907

I just got a great pair of glasses for just $77.00! at Marianas Eye Institute
Just $77.00 for a complete pair of glasses:
- Lens & Frames included
- One-year warranty
- Selected Brands
- Lightweight lenses
- $127.00 for Progressive "no-line" bifocals
Most Insurance Accepted
Walk-ins welcome
235-9090
Beach Road, Garapan
www.MarianasEye.com
Marianas Eye Institute
"Where Technology Meets Talent"

CASE

From Page 1

through the cracks, reportedly due to the failure of police to follow up.

A source at the Department of Public Safety disclosed yesterday that the DPS Traffic Section only learned about the tourist's death on Monday because investigators apparently did not make follow-up reports.

"The victim died last Dec. 26 and the Traffic Section only learned about it on Monday after CHC called that there's a dead body in the morgue," said the DPS source, who spoke on condition of anonymity.

The source said the driver has already been identified—a local woman—and urged the DPS leadership to look into the matter.

When asked for comments last night, DPS acting spokesman Jason Tarkong said he will bring up the issue with Commissioner Santiago Tudela and traffic investigators and will hopefully get a response by today, Friday.

The tourist was struck by a car while crossing Beach Road in San Antonio on the evening of July 30, 2009.

Four days later, on Aug. 3, 2009, Tarkong briefed the media about the incident, saying the 71-year-old tourist was listed as clinically stable at CHC's Intensive Care Unit.

The victim reportedly sustained bleeding in the head, pelvic fracture, multiple abrasions on her head, shoulder, left thigh, right knee, and left ankle. Her right clavicle was also fractured and her right earlobe was lacerated.

Tarkong told the media that traffic investigators had found the driver, a 36-year-old Chamorro female, at fault for failing to exercise due care, failure to observe pedestrian's right of way at crosswalk, and failure to observe the speed limit.

The car involved—a 2001 Kia Sephia four-door sedan—was impounded as evidence.

Tarkong said that when the officers arrived at the scene, they saw the unconscious victim being treated by medics.

The victim was immediately taken to CHC's emergency room where she was treated and admitted to the ICU in critical condition.

Tarkong said police learned that the Japanese was crossing Beach Road from a food vendor located on the northbound shoulder of Beach Road when she was hit by the car.

The impact was so strong that the victim landed 30 feet away from the point of impact.

HOUSE

From Page 1

Gov. Benigno R. Fitial expressed "disappointment" over the fate of the measure, which would have reduced government work hours from 80 to 72 every pay day and implemented unpaid legal holidays. The bill was projected to save the government some $4.2 million for the rest of Fiscal Year 2010.

Fitial

"Do these people know the seriousness of our economic situation?" Fitial told *Saipan Tribune* when asked for comment.

He said the Public School System's argument that $47.5 million in federal grants will be jeopardized by the austerity measure is "nonsense."

Fitial and press secretary Angel Demapan said schools in other states, including Hawaii, have undergone furlough Fridays but were still able to meet federal mandates, and the CNMI should be no different. They said austerity days in other states cover not only schools but other government agencies as well.

'For the children'

Education Commissioner Dr. Rita A. Sablan said she's thankful that lawmakers listened to parents and educators' concerns about the austerity bill's impact on the Public School System.

"I'm so glad to have seen many parents from Tinian, Rota and Saipan and our board and our staff from central office speak against House Bill 17-22 because it's really about the children after all," she said.

Northern Marianas College interim president Lorraine Cabrera also urged House members not to pass the bill.

Disappointed

But the governor said he will meet again with lawmakers to push for the austerity bill, and recommends them to "use their head and live with time because this is no longer the better time that we used to talk about."

"I cannot believe that the lawmakers would succumb to the complaints or the people's outcry so I'm just very disappointed to hear that… Responsibility is the key here," he added.

Fitial told Senate President Paul A. Manglona (R-Rota) and House Speaker Froilan C. Tenorio (Cov-Saipan) on Tuesday that the projected shortfall for FY 2010 is over $13 million. He reduced the budget authority to $137 million.

Reintroduced

House Minority Leader Rep. Diego T. Benavente (R-Saipan), who is opposed to the austerity bill, said the filing of the committee report supporting House Bill 17-22 essentially kills the austerity measure, but a similar bill can be reintroduced.

Benavente

Benavente said cutting work hours to save $2 million to $4 million, depending on exemptions to be granted by the administration, will not solve the crisis, referring to some "$20 million deficit."

He lauded Fitial's reduction of the budget allotment but said this should have been done months ago to make a big impact. He, however, recognized that public services will be affected.

Recommendations

Benavente said there are other ways to cut the budget shortfall, including not funding non-essential government offices for the remainder of the fiscal year, and moving those funds to critical services like health, education and public safety.

He also called for a Budget Crisis Summit wherein lawmakers, all other government agencies, businesses and members of the community can come together to find ways to solve the government's financial crisis.

"Now, we're deficit spending which is illegal but we do it because we can. There is a penalty provision but no one is taking anybody to court," he said.

Under a ratified constitutional amendment, the government is required to pass a balanced FY 2011 budget by Oct. 1, 2010, or the government will shut down and the salaries of elected officials will be withheld.

The administration has until April 1 to submit a proposed FY 2011 budget.

"We know there's going to be sacrifices so we need to make that determination now as to what public services we're going to have to eliminate for the next fiscal year, if that's the only way. If this administration is not going to support any revenue generating ideas, then it has to somehow cut $20 million worth of anticipated shortfall, which then means that there would be major sacrifices in public services," Benavente added.

Rep. Trenton Conner (R-Tinian) said he pushed for a public hearing on the austerity bill, to no avail.

Rep. Joseph Deleon Guerrero (R-Saipan) said he will not support an austerity bill in any form, shape or size because cutting government employees' spending power would further result in much lesser government revenue from taxes and fees.

He also said the previous austerity measure law ended up saving less than $3 million, much lesser than projected savings of up to $15 million.

During yesterday's session, presided by House Vice Speaker Felicidad Ogumoro (Cov-Saipan), Republican lawmakers took turns stating their opposition to House Ways and Means Committee chair Rep. Ramon Basa (Cov-Saipan).

Covenant and independent lawmakers kept quiet during the session. House Speaker Froilan Tenorio was absent.

Warning

Board of Education chair Lucia Blanco-Maratita and Education Commissioner Dr. Rita A. Sablan, as well as Public School System federal programs officer Tim Thornburg, told lawmakers that the austerity bill will jeopardize a total of $47.5 million in federal grants for PSS.

They pointed to the "staggering" inequity of under $3 million in savings to the CNMI government due to the austerity bill versus a net loss of $47.5 million for PSS. They also warned of violating teachers' and teacher aides' contracts by cutting their work hours.

But Fitial said this is "nonsense."

"Every state in the U.S. is going through the same challenge. We are no different," he said.

"I'm going to meet with them [lawmakers]. I'm just going to tell them if you people do not help with [addressing] the potential shortfall that this government will be incurring at the end of this fiscal year, I'm going to start reducing—using my constitutional power—expenditures and when I reduce expenditures, it will include those of the Legislature, those of PSS and those of Judiciary," he said in an interview at a Covenant Party meeting that endorsed the candidacy of former House Floor Leader Joseph N. Camacho for a delegate seat to the U.S. House of Representatives.

Parents, educators speak up

At least 21 parents-teachers association officers, PSS and NMC officials, as well as other agency representatives, took turns asking lawmakers not to pass HB 17-22.

Saipan Mayor Donald Flores, and Board of Education member Herman Guerrero also asked House members not to pass the bill.

They were among the over 30 individuals who filled up the House chamber during the morning session.

Among the parents who traveled from Rota to Saipan was Dexter Apatang, president of the Rota Junior High School Parents-Teachers Association.

"We're very fortunate the bill died. Now our students are protected as far as their education is concerned," he told *Saipan Tribune*. Three other parents from Rota attended the House session.

Other PTA officers who asked lawmakers not to pass the austerity bill included Juan Sablan, the president of the umbrella Parents Teacher Student Association in the CNMI, its vice president Dee Taimanao, and its secretary Bernie Babauta; Ben Kiyoshi, PTA president at Tinian Elementary School; Antonio Magofna, PTA president at Kagman Elementary School; Juan Hofschneider, PTA president at Tinian Junior High School; Marie Barcinas, PTA vice president at Rota High School; Catherine Palacios of the Saipan Southern High School PTA; and Helen Jebehn of Chacha Ocean View Junior High School PTA.

THS

From Page 1

defended her gold medal title in the female singing category for her outstanding performance of *Kantayi Ham,* which was written and recorded by her cousins in Pacific Cool.

Jarred Borja, son of the late musician Edward Borja, also came home with a gold medal after performing his father's song, *Lanchero.*

Raena Cing, a consistent winner in the past four years, added another gold medal to her cachet in the proficiency category.

The last gold medal was for the cultural interpretation category, the first time the school competed in this category. The group acted out a play set in the early Spanish era titled, *Puti Tai Nobiu*, written by the acting principal.

Mary Hocog rounded off the medal tally with her bronze in poetry.

Hofschneider said the student-delegates are members of the school's "Inetnon Natibu" (Gathering of the Natives), which spent over two months preparing for the contest.

Other members of the winning group are Marynita Cepeda, Thealanie Monkeya, Edwin Cabrera, Kulio Cabrera, Kavika Knutson, Myrese Cruz, Christopher Famaw, Nikkie Cepeda, Megan Cruz, Melton Atalig, and Barcelina Basa.

In last year's competition, the Tinian Junior and High School team brought home three gold medals and a bronze award.

Acting principal Hofschneider, who expressed himself satisfied with the overall results, said it is his philosophy to teach students to strive hard for their goals in order to succeed.

A total of 31 schools participated in the Guam competition, with 10 from the CNMI.

Other CNMI schools that bagged major awards were Gregorio T. Camacho Elementary School, with three gold, one silver, and one bronze medals; Marianas High School, one gold, three silver, and two bronze awards; Kagman Elementary School, one silver and bronze awards; Rota High School, one gold, three silver, and one bronze medals; and Tinian Elementary School, one silver medal.

This year marked the seventh edition of the competition, which aims to promote and enhance students' appreciation of the Chamorro language and culture. Tuesday's competition featured the following categories: spelling, drawing, story telling, children's choir, oratorical, poetry, chant, choral reading, essay, proficiency, individual male and female singing, and dramatic cultural interpretation.

TORRES

From Page 1

he attached documents supporting his allegations that Fernandez violated NMC regulations and policies, as well as CNMI law.

He alleged that Fernandez bribed a former faculty member $15,000 "to keep his mouth shut" after she asked to have some students' grades changed in order for them to continue receiving scholarships.

"She changed student grades without permission from the responsible people in the college, so that students will have a high grade and can continue to receive scholarship. That's fraud," Torres told *Saipan Tribune.*

He said this is a "violation of college policy."

Torres, a longtime critic of Fernandez, said the suspended NMC president allowed students to graduate without meeting required grades.

"She also did not announce a bid and instead gave a sole-source contract to a New Zealand firm to do a master plan for the college. The contract is $200,000 plus," he said.

Torres said Fernandez also engaged in the intimidation and non-renewal of contracts of qualified people at NMC.

"There are at least a dozen names, and the latest is Sam McPhetres. Why did she not renew his contract?" he asked.

The lawmaker also accused Fernandez of hiring people who are not qualified for the job at NMC and only for short-term contracts.

He asked House Education Committee to look into the matter, adding that he will write a letter to the Board of Regents to do the same.

To date, there is no official statement from NMC, the Board of Regents or any investigative agency as to the nature of Fernandez's suspension.

Torres also criticized Fernandez's continued receipt of her salary and housing allowance during her suspension. But NMC said this is allowed under college policy.

NMC hired Fernandez in 2007 for an annual salary of $80,000 and an $800 monthly housing.

2010 CNMI Census will contain 75 questions—Barry

By WALTER J. SUTHERLAND
walter_sutherland@saipantribune.com
REPORTER

The 2010 CNMI Census questionnaire, consisting of 48 population-related characteristics and 27 housing-related characteristics, should be arriving in mailboxes very soon.

Kathryn Barry, media specialist for the CNMI Census Office, said yesterday that the advance notice letter will be reaching mailboxes on March 22, while the official questionnaires themselves will arrive between March 29 and 31. Both documents are being mailed out from the U.S. mainland, she said.

Barry said that households that receive the questionnaires may start filling them out but if residents are confused as to how to accurately complete them, they can get help from census enumerators who will be going to every home starting April 1.

Barry said she is still organizing the size of the interview crews and estimates that each person may take up to 45 minutes to complete the questionnaire.

She emphasized that respondents need not mail out the questionnaires but must wait for the enumerators to come and pick up the documents.

The questionnaire accommodates up to six people living in one house, but if a household is made up of more members, the enumerators will have extra paperwork on hand to help complete the collection when they arrive at households.

Some of the questions ask about education background, military service, employment details, disabilities, housing structure details, housing utilities, living expenses, taxes, as well as basic identification questions.

To prevent confusion between the 2010 CNMI Census processes and that of the U.S. mainland, Barry explained that the local census is more comprehensive because the CNMI only collects local data every 10 years.

The U.S. mainland takes a count via the American Community Surveys annually, usually in the most populated portions of the country. The mainland also conducts Current Population Surveys monthly to gauge the nation's state of employment.

The CNMI housing and labor force structures differ from the U.S. mainland and that is why it is so important that everyone participates this April, Barry said.

The CNMI needs to collect more information on the local level so it can more accurately assess how much of that $400 billion pie it receives from the federal fund at the end of the year, she added.

"The most important thing people need to know about the 2010 Census is that the information collected is completely confidential," Barry said. "None of the questions ever ask a resident about status. The crews are there to make sure that residents understand the questions and fill out the paperwork completely."

All responses provided on the 2010 Census questionnaire or to a Census Bureau employee are confidential and protected under Title 13 of United States Code. Under this law, no individual or agency (federal, state, or local) can have access to any information that will tie the respondent to his or her responses.

"All Census Bureau employees have a lifetime-sworn status. It is a felony to disclose any confidential census information whether during or after employment and the penalty for wrongful disclosure is up to five years imprisonment and/or a fine of $250,000," according to a Census Bureau statement.

For more information about the 2010 CNMI Census, go to www.commerce.gov.mp/Census/census.html.

Fenny Hair Cut Beauty Parlor
Specials: Eyelash Extension-$10.00
Wart Removal-50¢ each
For Rebonding or Perming Services
Free Hot Oil Treatment
Tel.: 235-0393 • Open Daily: 10:00am - 10:00pm
Located in Chalan Piao Road beside Holiday Club

PHI PHARMACY
Diabetes Shoppe® Your Partner In Diabetes Care
Good Neighbor Pharmacy
Pre-Inventory Sale
25% OFF All OTC items
50% OFF Selected items
At all three locations
▪ Navy Hill (CHC) 322-5000/01/02
▪ Dandan (Joeten Center) 235-6170/71/72
▪ Marina Heights II (Puerto Rico) 323-5100
March 15-31, 2010
Website: www.phipharmacy.com

2 convenient locations to better serve you!
HARDT EYE CLINIC
Beach Road Clinic
next to Megabyte, Beach Road, Garapan
235-2030
HARDT EYE CLINIC
Kagman Clinic
Kagman III, next to Kagman Postal and Kevin's Video
256-2020
HARDT EYE CLINIC
DAVID HARDT, O.D. | DON HARDT, O.D.
Using advanced technology combined with old-fashioned caring to provide unhurried and understandable exams.
Insurance plans and all major credit cards are gladly accepted

Weekend Prepaid Sale
March 13, 2010 • 10:00am to 2:00pm
XO Market (Middle Road)
island Cruizer
cool deals on wheels
SAMSUNG U350 $65.00* [with $10 Cell Card] [CDMA • Camera Phone]
LG VX5500 $75.00* [with $10 Cell Card] [CDMA • Camera Phone]
NOKIA 6010 $40.00* [with FREE Prepaid SIM & $10 Load] [GSM Dual Band]
SAMSUNG SGH-T439 $99.00* [with FREE Prepaid SIM & $10 Load] [GSM Quad Band]
ONE PREPAID CARD FOR GSM & CDMA
Wireless Express Center (TSL Plaza, Garapan) on Saturdays
New Store Hours: Tuesday to Saturday: 9:00am to 6:00pm • Sunday & Monday: Closed
Available in Tinian & Rota on Fridays (CDMA Phones Only)
FREE AIRTIME! when using PTI & IT&E Long Distance Prepaid Cards
*Cannot keep number • while supplies last • No phonebook transfer • Credit cards will not be accepted • some conditions apply
IT&E Life in Motion
Saipan: 682-4ITE (4483) • Tinian: 433-0210 • Rota: 532-3599 • Guam: 671-922-4ITE (4483) • www.ite.net

Covenant Party chooses Camacho as delegate candidate

By HAIDEE V. EUGENIO
haidee_eugenio@saipantribune.com
REPORTER

The Covenant Party formally named yesterday former House Floor Leader Joseph James N. Camacho as the party's candidate for CNMI delegate to the U.S. House of Representatives in the Nov. 2, 2010 federal elections.

"I am humbled by the endorsement of the Covenant Party and I look forward to visiting people in their houses, in their farms, and talk to them about issues I will take to Washington, D.C.," Camacho told *Saipan Tribune.*

A crowd of Covenant Party officials, members and guests gathered at the private residence of party founder Gov. Benigno R. Fitial in Gualo Rai yesterday noon to announce Camacho's candidacy.

Fitial said Camacho, now a private attorney, has the legal and lawmaking background that makes him the best candidate for delegate.

"And he has my support," the governor said, when asked about Camacho's edge over the incumbent Delegate Gregorio Kilili C. Sablan.

No other individuals have so far announced intention to seek the delegate seat.

Former Corrections Commissioner Dolores M. Aldan, who was also at the gathering, said she's proud that the Covenant Party "has a more qualified candidate" with legal background.

"The CNMI will be in good hands if he wins this," she said.

Covenant Party chair Gregorio Camacho and other party officials announced that former Workforce Investment Agency executive director Felix R. Nogis is the chairman of the Committee to Elect Camacho. The vice chair is Jerry Crisostimo, and the secretary is Rita Chong Dela Cruz.

Nogis said he's happy to see even former supporters of Sablan, including Camacho himself, now putting a "united front" to support the goals of the Fitial administration.

"We need all your support. This is not an easy task," he told the crowd gathered by the poolside of Fitial's private residence.

Camacho, in his prepared speech, said the CNMI people need a clear voice in the U.S. Congress.

"We need a delegate that will work closely and cooperatively with our local government—with the administration, with the Legislature, and with the municipal governments. We a need a delegate who is qualified, willing to cooperate with other people in order to get the job done, and the ability to put the interest of the people first," he said.

He said almost five months after the federal takeover of CNMI immigration, there are still no clear guidelines from the federal government, and the CNMI's tourism industry continues to decline, yet there are no efforts from Washington, D.C. to provide relief. He spoke of lack of jobs and the rising costs of business.

"For these and many more reasons, I have decided to run for the CNMI's delegate to the United States," he told the crowd.

Camacho did not seek re-election after serving in the 16th House of Representatives. He established his own law firm, Joseph James Norita Camacho, last month.

HAIDEE V. EUGENIO

From left, Gov. Benigno R. Fitial, Viola Alepuyo and her husband Joseph N. Camacho, Lt. Gov. Eloy S. Inos, and Felix R. Nogis, chairman of the Committee to Elect Camacho, during a meeting of the Covenant Party at the private residence of the governor in Gualo Rai yesterday noon.

Regent's attendance at DC summit goes awry

By MONETH G. DEPOSA
moneth_deposa@saipantribune.com
REPORTER

It became a matter of "The *best-laid s*chemes o' mice an 'men**..."**

A Northern Marianas College Board of Regent member was sent last month to Washington, D.C. to represent the board at the 2010 National Legislative Summit but the trip went for naught after a snowstorm paralyzed many parts of the East Coast and shut down most of the federal government.

Board chair Janet Han King said the board had authorized vice chair Maria Paz Younis to attend the Feb. 7 summit, hosted by the Association of Community College Trustees, but the event was cancelled without advanced notice due to the snowstorm.

The storm, dubbed by the media as "Snowmageddon" and "The 100 Year Storm," forced most of the federal government and other agencies and many establishments to shut down.

Saipan Tribune learned the trip cost the board over $3,000.

According to an ACCT statement, "The entire ACCT board of directors and staff are sorry for the inconvenience, aggravation, and expense the blizzard… caused all of us. It is truly unprecedented in Washington, D.C. history to shut down the federal government for three days and counting. Never before in its history has ACCT cancelled a summit. For those few who braved the weather and safely made it to Washington only to experience the cancellation on Sunday, we are especially sorry."

King said that Younis still made her visit productive by visiting the office of U.S. Rep. Gregorio Kilili Sablan (D-MP) to discuss issues that may help NMC.

"Despite the storm, Regent Younis persisted in making her trip productive by meeting with U.S. Congressman Gregorio Kilili Sablan to discuss a broad range of issues that affected the Northern Marianas College," King said.

"Because it administers many federal programs and relies on considerable federal assistance, NMC works closely with Kilili's office to ensure that we maximize the opportunities that are available from Washington D.C.; we are grateful that Regent Younis was able to work through the storm to [partake] in some serious, strategic discussions with the congressman," added King.

She said Younis is now preparing a report of her trip for the board.

Customers First TRIPLE J

SUPER FRESH MARKET

Customers First

YOU CAN ALWAYS COUNT ON US FOR BIG SAVINGS!

Mar.12 to Mar.18, 2010

We reserve the right to limit quantities.

FRESH MEAT

Savory, succulent beef. Every bite. Everytime. Less than 8% of beef meets the highest standards to become the Certified Angus Beef® brand.

A wide choice of premium Tyson® poultry and superb pork products are also available.

FLANK STEAK

Feature **$5.99** per Lb.
$0.80 SAVINGS!

T-BONE STEAK

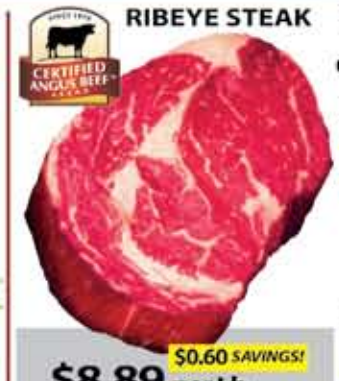
Feature **$8.99** per Lb.
$0.90 SAVINGS!

GUSTO PICNIC HAM

Not exactly as shown

Feature **$1.85** per Lb.
$0.50 SAVINGS!

RIBEYE STEAK



$8.89 per Lb.
$0.60 SAVINGS!

WHOLE FRYER CHICKEN

$1.29 per Lb.
$0.20 SAVINGS!

PORK SHOULDER STEAK

$1.59 per Lb.
$0.40 SAVINGS!

FRESH PRODUCE

Expect great service and the freshest produce on island.

SUPER FRESH YELLOW ONIONS

$0.79 per Lb.
$0.10 SAVINGS!

SUPER FRESH RED DELICIOUS CELLO APPLE

$1.19 per Lb.
$0.20 SAVINGS!

SUPER FRESH GREEN LEAF LETTUCE

$2.39 per Lb.
$0.40 SAVINGS!

SUPER FRESH RUSSET POTATO
5 Lb. Bag

$3.99 per Bag
$0.60 SAVINGS!

DAIRY

We offer many unique items at Super Fresh Market.

SHEDD'S SPREAD COUNTRY CROCK
"Country Fresh Taste"

Calcium plus Vitamin D
45 oz.

Feature **$5.45** each
$0.80 SAVINGS!

GUAM ROSE CALROSE RICE

50 Lb. Bag

Limit 2 bags per customer.

Feature **$25.95** per Bag
$6.70 SAVINGS!

KRAFT DELI DELUXE
8 SWISS SLICES

16 oz.

$2.59 each
$0.50 SAVINGS!

WESTERN FAMILY
Finely Shredded Natural
ITALIAN CHEESE

8 oz.

$3.29 each
$0.70 SAVINGS!

DEL MONTE KETCHUP
Great Taste
100% Natural
64 oz.

$4.99 each
$0.60 SAVINGS!

SAFEGUARD Antibacterial **DEODORANT SOAP** with **Aloe**
4-Bar Extra Pack

4 oz.

$3.29 per Pack
$0.40 SAVINGS!

BAKE SHOP

Check out our FRESHLY SLICED DELI MEATS

We have the best freshly baked items!

RAISIN BREAD

$1.59 per Bag
$0.40 SAVINGS!

CHAMORRO SWEET BREAD

$1.95 per Bag
$0.30 SAVINGS!

COFFEE & DONUT COMBO

Only **$1.25**

Freshly Baked! Fresh & Hot!

We Accept Food Stamps

Special prices are good until Mar.18, 2010 while supplies last.

WIC Participants are welcome!

We offer 5% Discount for Senior Citizens (on Selected Items Only).

Credit Cards Accepted

VISA MasterCard Discover Cards & Wells Fargo Financial

PACIFIC EXPRESS Debit Card Service is now available in the Store.

WESTERN UNION yes! money transfer
Available inside the Store.

Opens Daily: 7am to 9pm
Sunday: 7am to 9pm.

For more info, pls. call

322-0430

Email: superfresh@triplejsaipan.com

Fund opposes 1 percent fee for the OPA

By MONETH G. DEPOSA
monethdeposa@saipantribune.com
REPORTER

The NMI Retirement Fund's board of trustees is opposed to giving the Office of the Public Auditor a $67,000 mandatory fee, saying the agency does not get any funding from the central government anyway.

In a meeting last week at the Pedro P. Tenorio Multi-Purpose Center, board chair Sixto Igisomar said that since the Fund gets no appropriation from the local government, it is inappropriate to mandate the Fund to pay an amount similar to agencies that receive funding through local appropriation.

"Why should we pay for that?" Igisomar asked, adding that the required percentage is a substantial amount that would be taken from the retirees' monies.

Another 1 percent fee is also believed to be taken from the Group Health Life Insurance budget, which is being administered by the Fund.

OPA recently sent the Fund a letter, reminding it of the 1 percent mandatory monthly fee for February.

OPA Michael Pai pointed out yesterday that the percentage is mandated by 1 CMC 7831(b), which requires executive directors of all public corporations and autonomous agencies of the Commonwealth to pay OPA an amount no less than 1 percent of their total operations budget from sources other than legislative appropriations or pursuant to any other formula agreed upon the OPA and the agency.

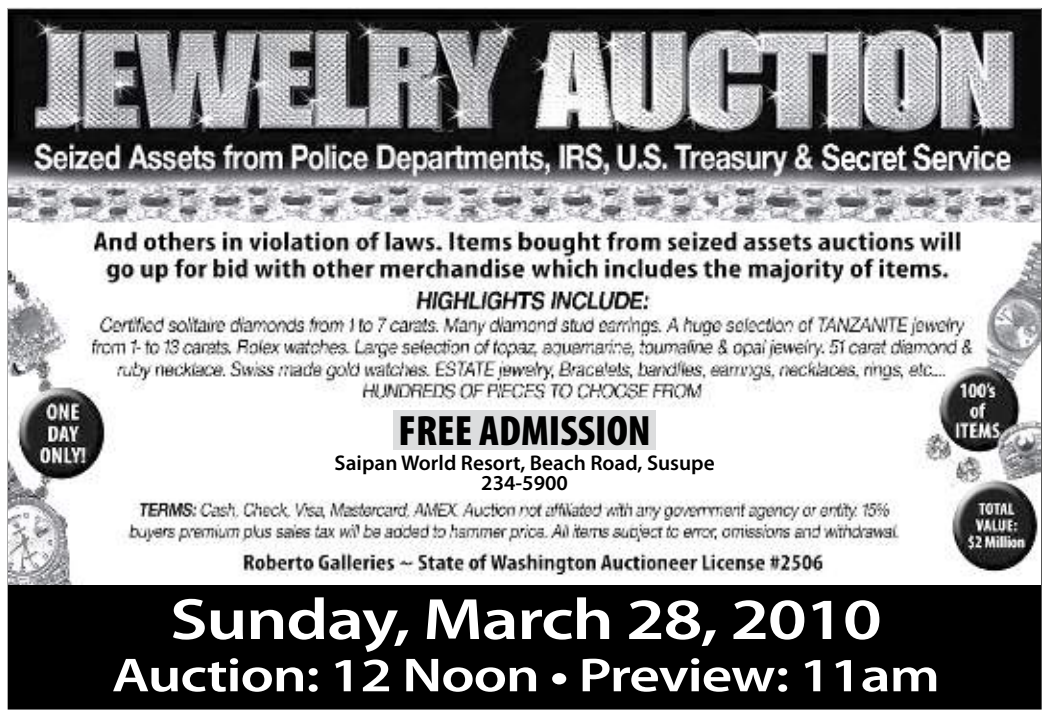
"The 1 percent OPA funding is a law," Pai said. "This law ensures that the funding of OPA will be independent of other entities, which in turn will support the independence of OPA in performing its duties."

Igisomar placed the "OPA matter" under committee review for further discussion.

Saipan Tribune learned that in previous years, OPA had suggested offsetting the 1-percent fee the Fund pays OPA in exchange for the latter's employer contribution. The Fund declined the proposition.

Next fiscal year, the Fund is projecting a $43 million shortfall in its budget due to huge expenditure forecast for the 12-month period amounting to $78 million compared to projected revenues of only $34.5 million. A big bulk of the $78 million expenditures will cover $55 million for the pension benefits while some portions are allocated for disability benefits, survivors' benefits, refunds, and operation.

WANT TO IMPROVE YOUR COOKING?
Join us this Saturday from 9:30am to 12noon
For some great cooking tips! Learn from a Professional CHEF!
It's FREE!
Northern Marianas Trades Institute
Call 235-6684 for reservations!


JEWELRY AUCTION
Seized Assets from Police Departments, IRS, U.S. Treasury & Secret Service
And others in violation of laws. Items bought from seized assets auctions will go up for bid with other merchandise which includes the majority of items.
HIGHLIGHTS INCLUDE:
Certified solitaire diamonds from 1 to 7 carats. Many diamond stud earrings. A huge selection of TANZANITE jewelry from 1- to 13 carats. Rolex watches. Large selection of topaz, aquamarine, tourmaline & opal jewelry. 51 carat diamond & ruby necklace. Swiss made gold watches. ESTATE jewelry, Bracelets, bandlies, earrings, necklaces, rings, etc...
HUNDREDS OF PIECES TO CHOOSE FROM
ONE DAY ONLY!
100's of ITEMS
FREE ADMISSION
Saipan World Resort, Beach Road, Susupe
234-5900
TERMS: Cash, Check, Visa, Mastercard, AMEX. Auction not affiliated with any government agency or entity. 15% buyers premium plus sales tax will be added to hammer price. All items subject to error, omissions and withdrawal.
TOTAL VALUE: $2 Million
Roberto Galleries ~ State of Washington Auctioneer License #2506
Sunday, March 28, 2010
Auction: 12 Noon • Preview: 11am

ZONING OFFICE TO HOLD WORKSHOPS

The Zoning Office will be holding workshops to promote educational awareness of the 2008 Saipan Zoning Law, as well as to seek comments on how the law is working. These workshops are in line with the Zoning Board's goal of addressing the issues and concerns expressed by the community, private sector and the legislature as it prepares for the law's review and update. The public consultation and information campaign will continue over the next month in order to obtain feedback required to update the 2008 Saipan Zoning Law. Following are the dates, times, and target group for each meeting within this month:

Wednesday, March 17, 2010	9:00 to 10:00am	Sign makers/ Building owners
Wednesday, March 17, 2010	2:00 to 3:00pm	Document Handlers/ Consultants
Wednesday, March 24, 2010	9:00 to 10:00am	New Business Developers
Wednesday, March 24, 2010	2:00 to 3:00pm	Surveyors
Wednesday, March 31, 2010	9:00 to 10:00am	Engineers/ Architects
Wednesday, March 31, 2010	2:00 to 3:00pm	Adult Businesses

All workshops will be held at the Zoning Office conference room, 2nd floor, Joeten Building, DanDan, Saipan. Anyone with questions about the workshops may contact the Zoning Office by phone at 234-9661 or by e-mail at staff @zoning.gov.mp.

/s/ Herminia M. Fusco, Chairperson

Flashback

A LOOK BACK AT PAST YEARS' HEADLINES

March 12, 1999

Governor approves sole-source deal for a new prison
Gov. Pedro P. Tenorio yesterday said he would backed proposals that would grant him the authority to contract a new prison facility through sole-sourcing in order to hasten the construction of the $17 million project. In an obvious reaction to the siege of the male detention center of the Division of Corrections, the Senate the other day passed a measure waiving procurement regulations to allow sole source contract for the proposed new jail. The bill heads back to the House of Representatives for approval. Although local officials refuse to tie the prison takeover to efforts to fast-track the project, the hostage drama has highlighted anew the poor conditions and overcrowding at DOC.

Finance asked to scrap Customs overtime fees
Commonwealth Ports Authority board chairman Roman S. Palacios has asked the Department of Finance to remove overtime charges of the Customs, Immigration and Quarantine offices in the performance of their inspection duties to help the airlines currently servicing the CNMI. In a letter to Finance Secretary Lucy DLG Nielsen, Palacios noted the importance of supporting the airlines at this time when most businesses are having difficulty to survive Asia's financial crisis. He added that the practice of charging overtime is not only costly to the airlines but also provides another financial disincentive to the remaining carriers servicing the Northern Marianas. The ports authority has earlier decided to postpone an increase in landing fees and passenger facility charge until March 1, 2000 to encourage continued and expanded air service to the CNMI.

March 12, 2001

PSTF needs $23M to pay beneficiaries in territories
The Prior Service Trust Fund may face bankruptcy by 2002 unless the U.S. Congress appropriates the needed financial allocation to pay out more than 4,100 families in trust territories. Arriving from a recent meeting held in Hawaii, Retirement Fund board chair Vicente Camacho disclosed the financial status of Prior Service was comprehensively discussed, exploring all other options to guarantee continued payment of recipients until 2045. He explained that trust territories have been lobbying doubly hard at the U.S. Congress to ensure fresh capital infusion and to send out benefits to families from the CNMI, Palau, Federated States of Micronesia, and the Marshall Islands.

DPH told: Reconcile with Queen's
Health officials have been asked to reconcile with the management of Queen's Medical Center to continue medical services for thousands of CNMI off-island medical referral patients. The Legislature said it is willing to draft measures that will enhance medical programs and eventually improve the Department of Public Health's medical services. House Committee on Health and Welfare Chair Rep. Malua Peter said DPH officials should take all necessary measures to prevent disruption of services provided by the Honolulu-based hospital amid problems on billing and payment discrepancies.

March 12, 2002

Local firm ready to take on desalinization
A local company is now positioning itself to take on the task of implementing a pilot desalinization project that is being touted as the future solution to the ever-dwindling supply of water in the Commonwealth. This comes in the wake of the recent passage of House Resolution 13-33, which asked the administration and the Commonwealth Utilities Corp. to expedite the implementation of a desalinization plant for Precinct III as a pilot project. Desalinization is a process of removing the salt from seawater to make it potable.

Rota mayor seeks aid of US officials on airport project
Rota Mayor Benjamin T. Manglona urged federal officials to extend necessary assistance for the rapid completion of the Rota airport improvement project, which is seen to alleviate the economic situation of the island. Citing economic growth and a potential contributing partner of the Commonwealth, Manglona provided US Rep. Mike Scanlon and US Department of Transportation Airports District Officer Daniel S. Matsumoto a draft copy of the Rota International Airport Runway Extension analysis. Without the airport extension project, he said Rota would forever be dependent on subsidy from the government and would aggravate the financial burden of the CNMI economy.

4 Saipan beaches red-flagged

The Division of Environment Quality has red-flagged four Saipan beach sites—the Tanapag Meeting Hall, Central Repair Shop, DPW Channel Bridge, and Hafadai drainage—and is advising the public not to fish or swim within 300 feet of these locations for the next 48 hours or until otherwise notified.

DEQ said that samples collected from these locations contained excessive concentrations of fecal indicator bacteria (enterococci), indicating the presence of human and animal waste in the water. However, studies have shown that storm water runoff in tropical environments may also contain these bacteria from the natural environment, which may not be directly associated with public health concerns.

DEQ analyzes water samples collected from Saipan's recreational beaches and storm drainage every Wednesday. For more information, contact DEQ at 664-8500. ***(DEQ)***

Contract out for Guam Guard Readiness Center

SANTA RITA, Guam—U.S. Naval Facilities Engineering Command Marianas awarded an $18.4 million firm-fixed-price contract March 10 to dck pacific guam, LLC of Barrigada for the design and construction of the new Guam Army National Guard Readiness Center at the GUARNG Complex in Barrigada.

The project involves design and construction of a concrete facility and supporting infrastructure. When complete, the new GUARNG Readiness Center will be home to Delta Company, 1st Battalion, 294th Infantry Regiment, the 721st Army Band and the 1990th Contingency Contracting Team.

"We are excited that this project will finally be underway so that our band and special weapons company will have a home where they can train and prepare for both their dual mission of responding to any emergency on island as well as being ready to support the war fighter," said Guam National Guard Adjutant General, Maj. Gen. Donald J. Goldhorn.

"This contract award is another example of NAVFAC Marianas' focus on providing facility, engineering and design support to our diverse military customers," said Capt. Peter S. Lynch, commanding officer of NAVFAC Marianas. "We are pleased to partner with the GUARNG on this important project which will enhance both mission readiness and morale."

Work is expected to be complete by January 2012.

This contract was competitively procured via the NAVFAC e-solicitation website with seven proposals received. ***(USN)***

Has the week got you down?
Get your dose of HIPHOP Theraphy at
CLUB
March 12 & 13, 2010
LIVE & DIRECT FROM GUAM
Jon "DJ TRIP" Sabares spinning the rawest cuts
and Party Hosts Aaron Tamayo & JMIKE
with DJ "Big Ken" Camacho
with 2 of the HOTTEST females this side of the Marianas.
Drinks special all night long.....
Exciting prizes to WIN!!!
$5 cover charge with 1 complimentary drink
FREE CHASERS while supplies last
Miller Lite
docomo DOCOMO PACIFIC
MAGAS
Salon
TRENCH TECH
Another exciting offer from the Grand!
For inquiries please call 234-6601 ext. 301-302
SGH Saipan Grand Hotel
A TanHoldings Company

Discover Osaka

The historical city of Japan

Last chance of a glimpse at Osaka with special tour package on 26 March.

$650.00

2 Days, 1 Night Tour packages

Fares include taxes, fuel surcharges

Tour Package includes;

- Roundtrip economy ticket Saipan-Osaka-Saipan
- 1night Hotel accommodation, extra night $77.00
- 1Breakfast
- Tour bus ,City tour, Osaka & Kyoto, Spa World
- Entrance ticket, tour guide, driver's tip
- Optional Tour: Universal Studio
  (Certain restriction apply, reservation deadline; Mach 22, 2010)

For more information and reservation, 288-2624/2625/2626

ASIANA AIRLINES

A STAR ALLIANCE MEMBER

Congratulations

Breanna Maratita Camacho

in winning 1st Place on your Storytelling Category from the University of Guam Division of Humanistic Studies College of Liberal Arts & Social Sciences Competition. "Fino' Chamoru Na Kompetasion Unibetsedåt Guåhan" held on March 9, 2010.

Breanna was representing G.T.C. Elementary School Storytelling/Umestoria Category and was up against seven (7) other schools from Saipan, Tinian, Rota, and Guam. All were competing for the gold.

"We all knew that all your hard work from practicing everyday after school and also on the weekends will be rewarded! And see, you ended up taking home the big one! Congratulations once more Breanna and we are all proud of you! Keep up the great work and always aim high".

We Love You Bree Bree!

From: Mom & Dad, Grandma Vicky, Grandpa & Grandma Lucy, Shawn & Vanessa (Shalei), Frankie, Kimberly, & the whole entire Familia

Opinion

Hafa Adai!
Saipan Tribune
CNMI'S FIRST DAILY NEWSPAPER
Volume XX, Issue No. 60

Published daily at 2/F JP Centre,
Beach Road, Garapan, Saipan, CNMI
Mailing Address: PMB 34, Box 10001, Saipan, MP, 96950

Jayvee L. Vallejera EDITOR
Mark Rabago ASSISTANT EDITOR

MEMBER

The Associated Press | Pacific Islands News Association

EDITORIAL

Why the census is worth your time

We cringed a few weeks ago when we heard Rep. Michele Bachmann, R-Minn., briefly call for a boycott of the 2010 census, which she apparently thought would ask too many nosy questions yet not ask about U.S. citizenship or resident status.

She's recanted the boycott call, but her misinformation is representative of the many myths about the census. Immigrant and other so-called hard-to-count communities too often view the process with conspiratorial skepticism, while others, like Bachmann, have an ideological aversion to the government asking questions.

So when you get the census form in the mail this month, don't ignore it. Fill it out and return it so that you—and your community—can be counted.

Myth 1: It's not a very accurate count

The last canvass in 2000, considered the best to date, scored a 98 percent accuracy rate. Nothing is 100 percent; census officials estimate that they missed about 6.4 million Americans, including about 373,000 people in Texas. That number includes mostly low-income households, minorities and children under 18. It's up to each person who receives the questionnaire to make sure the count is as accurate as possible.

Myth 2: It's such an invasion of privacy

It's a federal crime to disclose or publish private information. Not even the White House, the Internal Revenue Service, law enforcement, other agencies or journalists' Freedom of Information requests can secure private census information.

Myth 3: The detail sought is excessive

Actually, the form asks 10 questions, among the shortest queries since the first national count in 1790, which posed six questions. The 2010 form is limited to name, age, date of birth, gender, race, ethnicity, household members' relationships, whether you own or rent, and a telephone number. There are no questions about income, the number of cars you own or even whether you are an American citizen. (For the first time since 1940, there will be no "long form" questionnaire sent out to a subset of households.)

Myth 4: There are so many censuses

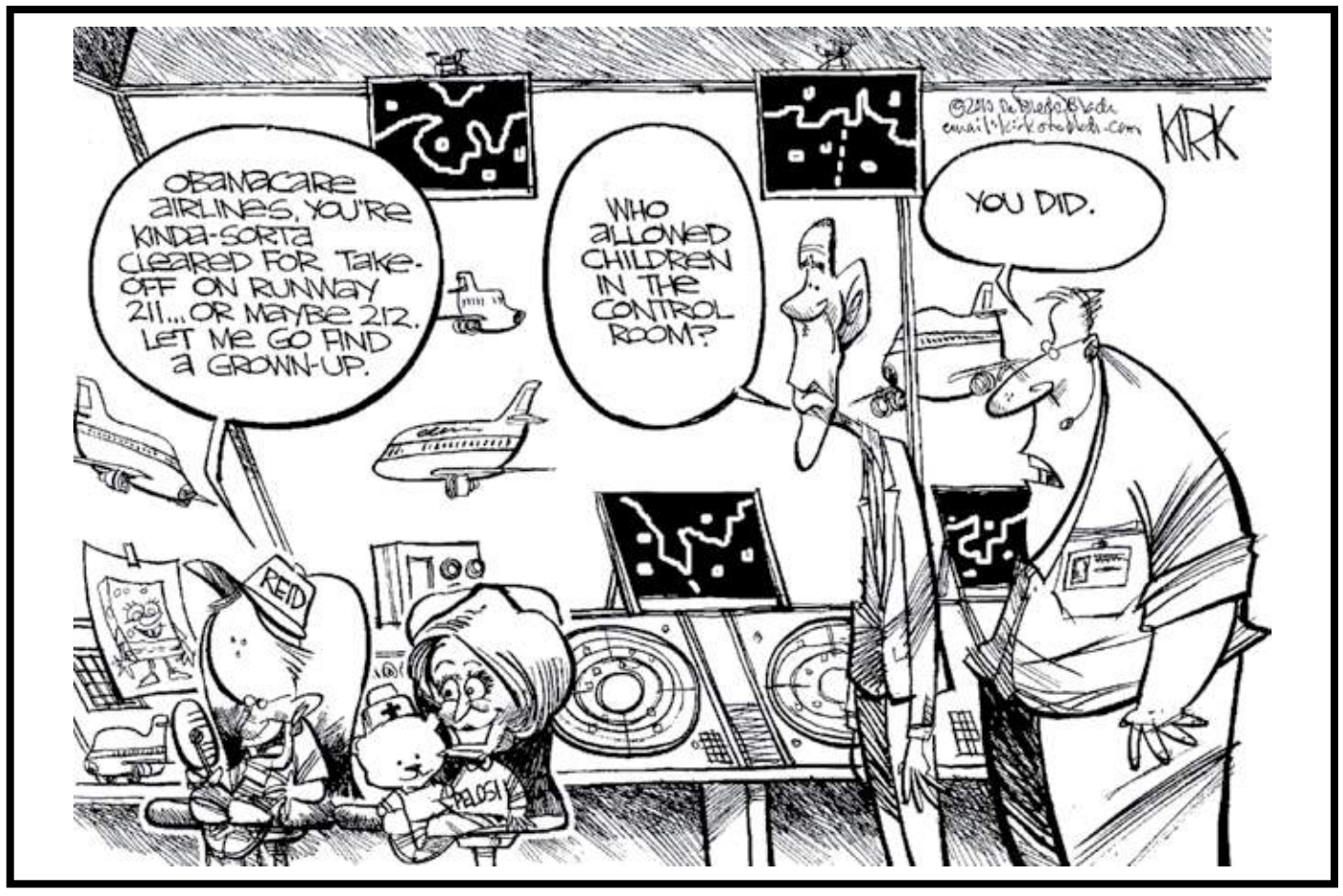
Scammers and political parties often take advantage of this once-a-decade count to ask other questions in census-like documents designed to solicit personal or other information. Don't be fooled. The real census doesn't ask for a Social Security number or for your political leanings. And if you get an inquiry online, rest assured that it's a scam.

Myth 5: It doesn't matter

Yes, it does. And the Constitution requires it to determine the number of seats each state has in the House of Representatives. Texas is expected to pick up several congressional seats, reflecting its population growth. Moreover, the national count is used to distribute more than $400 billion annually to communities for such things as employment training, low-income home-energy assistance, Medicaid grants, housing, substance abuse treatment and unemployment insurance.

If you don't get yourself into the count, you cheat yourself and your community.

© 2010, Dallas Morning News


OBAMACARE AIRLINES, YOU'RE KINDA-SORTA CLEARED FOR TAKE-OFF ON RUNWAY 211... OR MAYBE 212. LET ME GO FIND A GROWN-UP.
WHO ALLOWED CHILDREN IN THE CONTROL ROOM?
YOU DID.
KIRK
REID

Over the top reaction to Toyota's safety record

By MICHAEL FUMENTO
Los Angeles Times

Michael Fumento is director of the nonprofit Independent Journalism Project, where he specializes in health and safety issues. He wrote this for the Los Angeles Times.

While driving with my future wife along California's Highway 1 south of Big Sur, my new Toyota MR2 suddenly fishtailed. It shot off a cliff, then rolled 350 feet before stopping. Mary sustained a broken neck and crushed skull, but she made a miraculous recovery. I suffered only scratches and bruises. The pavement was dry, I was under the speed limit, and skid marks testified to my desperate effort to stop.

That was 1992. While Mary was still in the hospital, I discovered Toyota was replacing the model because, according to one car magazine, expert drivers reported that it suffered "radical, often terminal oversteer." The model was never recalled, but it was quickly replaced. We settled out of court, with Toyota making no admission of liability.

You might think I'd be prejudiced against Toyotas after that. But I'm not. I later bought another one, and my wife owns one now. But what I am worried about, with the current avalanche of unintended-acceleration complaints against the company and the congressional hearings, is the hysteria promoted by sensationalist headlines and pompous government officials.

Every accidental death is a tragedy. But the imagery of Toyotas running amok like something out of a Stephen King novel is simply false. The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration frequently receives "speed control" complaints; a recent New York Times analysis found the agency received almost 13,000 over the last decade.

Yes, that analysis found that Toyota had the second most complaints and by far the most incidents connected to crashes—even before publicity sent the number soaring. This and other sources seem to indicate that Toyota has an exceptional problem. But when compared with the vast number of cars Toyota sells, the current reaction is wholly out of proportion.

Sudden acceleration in Toyotas over the last decade has been linked with—which doesn't mean "caused"—52 deaths, according to NHTSA. It was just 19 before the current publicity. A Los Angeles Times investigation brought it up to 56, including those culled from lawsuits. Whatever the count and cause, that's too many. But it's also out of 20 million Toyotas sold, and out of the 420,000 Americans NHTSA says died in motor vehicle accidents that decade.

And although Toyota had almost 17 percent of total U.S. car sales in 2008, it accounted for merely 8 percent of total claims for deaths and injuries in the first quarter of that year, according to NHTSA. Edmunds.com found that while Toyota was third in U.S. car sales from 2001 through 2010, it was 17th in NHTSA complaints. Thus, even if every sudden-acceleration complaint proved valid, Toyotas are among the safest cars made.

Moreover, some of those reports surely could have been driver fault. To err is human; to blame errors on external factors is even more so.

Consider the Audi sudden-acceleration hysteria of two decades ago. In 1986, Kristi Bradosky, while driving an Audi 5000, ran over and killed her young son. "60 Minutes" aired a misleading segment depicting a runaway Audi—without disclosing that the car had been re-engineered to respond that way. Nor did it mention that Bradosky had told police that her foot had slipped off the brake onto the accelerator.

The rest of the media piled on, and a tsunami of Audi acceleration complaints linked to accidents swamped NHTSA—about 40 times more per vehicles sold than those against Toyota, according to the New York Times analysis and the Center for Auto Safety. Yet investigations in Canada and Japan found no mechanical problems, and a NHTSA investigation declared the problem was "pedal misapplication," though adding that the pedals must have been poorly placed.

While Audi was a niche carmaker, Toyota is the world's second-largest producer, and for good reason. Despite getting bad press last year, it came out as far and away the top-quality automaker, according to Consumer Reports' 2010 reader survey.

Toyota directly and indirectly employs about 200,000 Americans, and directly invests more than $18 billion in this country every year. The Toyota Camry, built in Kentucky and Indiana, is the most "American" car on the market, according to Cars.com.

Yet there's another tragedy in this hysteria, some auto safety experts say: the wrong focus.

"Nobody wants to minimize any deaths Toyota defects may have caused," says Russ Rader of the Insurance Institute for Highway Safety. "But vehicle defects are just a tiny, tiny part of what leads to crashes."

Leonard Evans, author of the book "Traffic Safety," also bemoans what he calls "the lethal American obsession with technical flaws." Evans said: "Whether it's ... defect or a child darting into the road, most crashes occur because drivers don't leave an adequate safety margin."

U.S. makers set the standard in safe vehicle design, according to the London-based FIA Foundation for the Automobile and Society. In 1970, the U.S. had the lowest fatality rate per miles driven. By 2005, it had fallen to 11th among industrialized countries. So why the emphasis on mechanical defects above all else? Evans says it began with Ralph Nader and his 1965 book, "Unsafe at Any Speed." Today it's perpetuated by lawyers seeking the deepest pockets and a media that know it's sexier to crusade against corporations than emphasize individual responsibility.

"One hundred people are ... killed every day, and it has nothing to do with technology, recent or otherwise," Evans says. "We can cut that number by half by concentrating on driver attitudes."

Defects can lead to terrible circumstances over which a driver has no control. I'll never forget, nor will my wife, who now suffers from epilepsy that's probably a result of the crash. But while it's the extraordinary that makes for headlines and congressional demagoguery, focusing on the ordinary is what will truly save lives.

EDITORIAL POLICY The *Saipan Tribune* welcomes comments on any article, column, editorial, or topic that may be of interest to the public. Letters to the editor must include the name, address, and contact number of the contributor. Letters that are critical in nature should focus on issues, not personalities. Contributions consisting of 500 words or less have more chances of getting published. The *Saipan Tribune* reserves the right to publish a contribution or not; the right to edit submissions for length, accuracy, and clarity; and the right to publish and distribute contributions in print, electronic, or other media formats. Submissions may be sent via snail mail to the 2nd Floor, JP Center, Beach Road, Garapan, Saipan, 96950; fax (670) 235-3740; e-mail to editor@saipantribune.com; or through our website at www.saipantribune.com.

Gateway to the store

By ED STEPHENS
Special to the Saipan Tribune

Ed holds a degree in economics from UCLA and has served as a U.S. naval officer. His column runs every Friday. Visit Ed at TropicalEd.com and SaipanBlog.com.

Tough times often put business managers in a devilish advertising squeeze. On one hand, declining revenues mean there's less money to invest in advertising. On the other hand, cutting back on advertising will merely drive revenues down even more, which means there's even less money available for advertising, which means that sales fall even more, and so on.

I once worked for a company that was having real agonies about budgeting as our sales were declining, and as our major competitor was clobbering us, and we didn't know how to solve the puzzle. We had been spraying money into every conceivable advertising medium, but we were running out of cash and the time had come to pick one medium and shed the rest.

Around this time, my parents' Buick blew a head gasket, and it was new car time. Mom called me and said she was going to buy a Toyota Camry, and that it would cost such-and-such, it had thus-and-so options installed, and she was going to buy it from so-and-so dealer. I asked how she had made such a specific decision, and she said "I just looked through the (newspaper) ads."

Ah, we have a winner, I figured. If a car dealer can reel in Mom with an ad, then maybe he can tell me how to work the same magic on my target market.

After all, I didn't want textbook theory; I had tons of that stuff at hand. I didn't want opinions or conjecture or cute ideas, all of which were more abundant than, and about as useful as, atmospheric nitrogen. No, what I wanted is the real scoop from someone who was successfully competing in a dog-eat-dog market place, and a Los Angeles car dealership is about as dog-eat-dog as it gets.

So, I drove to the dealership, and, as luck would have it, one of the managers was a private pilot, so we talked flying for awhile, and I told him my situation, admitted that the outfit I worked for (which had nothing to do with cars) had its head up its butt in the advertising realm, and asked if he'd offer some insights into advertising.

He was the rare kind of guy who could take detail and build useful abstraction out of it. He was sort of the P.J. O'Rourke of car sales.

"The manufacturer uses fancy TV ads and strategic campaigns to build the brand," he said, "but I use the newspaper to make the sale." That's when it struck me that a print ad is more than just an ad, it's an actual transactions tool. People reach for it when they are ready to buy, because it helps them buy.

> *Everybody likes to think that their product is unique, but at the end of the day the guy who puts the ad in front of the customer's nose is the guy who is going to make the sale, and nothing else really matters.*

The dealer advised me that there are no magic bullets, and that "clever" ideas usually didn't work. That's not to say you can't be smart, but when it comes to fighting for customers, bucking conventional wisdom might be too smart by half. Everybody likes to think that their product is unique, he said, but at the end of the day the guy who puts the ad in front of the customer's nose is the guy who is going to make the sale, and nothing else really matters. In other words, he said, being methodical (and, of course, reasonably competent) usually trumped being too clever for your own good.

That's the sort of blunt-nosed, almost resigned, advice that isn't calculated to be popular, because it doesn't offer ego-boosting promises of hitting home runs while the competition is racking up mere base hits. But in the years (decades!) since that conversation, I have to agree that it is a base hit world. From what I've seen, the pizzazz of snappy marketing success, when it does occur, is usually the icing atop a cake of a long and methodical slog. Indeed, so much of life just boils down to brute repetition.

There's a lot of talk about the print medium being one-upped by the Web these days, and that is sure happening in the mainland. But lumping all businesses into the same category can gloss over the point here. A manufacturer, or an e-business, or a large, multinational corporation, will have different goals than the neighborhood store does. Building a brand, and making a sale, aren't the same event, and the neighborhood newspaper will always have an important role to play in commerce, because the neighborhood newspaper is the gateway to the neighborhood store.

Letters to the Editor

Article XII is constitutional

First, I have never claimed to represent the views of *all* indigenous people in the ongoing debate on Article XII. But I am a passionate believer in retaining freehold interest under this provision limiting landownership to the indigenous people.

Second, a federal Appellate Court has declared this provision of our constitution to be constitutional. The issue is closed, shut and bolted unless it is taken to the next level! The indigenous people own these sacred ancestral lands. Weren't Native Americans given their rights to tribal lands? Don't they exist under a special arrangement of a "Nation Within A Nation?" Each is a U.S. citizen like all NMI indigenous folks.

I fully understand the right to ownership but this mindset must be transcended in favor of ensuring that it doesn't contribute to a landless people in less than two decades. Saipan is only 49 square miles. What's there to sell when we can't even accommodate the more than 4,000 Saipan applicants for homestead lots? I have seen how families squat on public land after selling the last family land.

The land we have today didn't just spin out of thin air. It came from our ancestors, with the rich cultural heritage that was founded on sacred lands over 4,000 years ago!

Article XII is constitutional, though I agree that landownership should be based on genealogy (ancestry) over displacement provisions that are now in the books.

John S. DelRosario Jr.
As Gonno, Saipan

Let's be fair, share

Our children's future is at risk. We need to revisit all government service providers and help our leaders identify which areas need to improve their services. We cannot just say that NMC is the only department that has a problem because each service provider needs each other's support in order to deliver a complete product. One good example is housing. What does housing have for NMC students? Another one is WIA. What does it have for college students? Food stamp, childcare, OVR, Employment, and so on.

Then we need to look at businesses (private sector). What do they have for college students? We need to identify these products so that we can deliver it to our children who are looking for a dream job, a career that will help them make a better living.

We also need to identify what jobs are in demand, how much these job titles pay, what courses we need to take in order to qualify for these jobs. We also need to look into our government employees' job titles and job descriptions and salaries. We need to identify who needs more training, who is overpaid, underpaid and who are doing their jobs according to their job description. We need to do this because, like one of the business manager said, we cannot compete with the government. I mean we are in a budget crisis and we need to be fair with each other. If we don't, this crisis is going to continue and will get worse. Those that don't have the qualifications for a position must be sent for training to comply with our personnel office requirements. Those who are qualified must be paid for their qualification. Those who have experience and are near retirement should be given certifications and awarded for their service. And all new and present employees, including political hires, should be subjected to these requirements. Let's all start at the minimum wage and work our way up so that everyone has an equal share of the tax money. In that way, the private sector and the government would not have a problem hiring qualified local individuals.

All new employees should start at minimum wages. If you don't get training, there should be no work for you because you're just stealing money you don't deserve, like some people I know who don't know how to do their job who find something to do just so they will get paid. Don't you know that a lot of us out here are looking for a job, too? Let us show our children a better example. Go to school and get a better job. Save our money for qualified individuals.

We need to educate our children so that they can replace those experts from other countries. Maybe that's why many are not applying for private jobs because the only jobs they offer is labor such as security, maintenance, waitress, cashier, etc., where the pay is not enough to support one's needs, especially for those who have families.

Many people I know participate in election campaigns so that they will get hired for jobs that pay higher. How long is this going to last? Is it fair that you get paid higher than others using our tax money? Soon, when the government is broke, where are you going to work? Wake up, nothing is free these days, work for your money, learn how to do your job so that you can enjoy working and not worry about getting fired. The good thing is my parent taught me never to waste time and money, so I worked my way up. Now I see why school is very important.

Si yuus maase ni tiempomu ni un tai tai este. Please support these ideas or come next year when the Feds take over Labor, we're doomed. Let us be fair and share the tax we are all paying.

Winnie Atalig
San Jose Village, Tinian

If you cannot kick them, kick something else

I do have some few questions with the CNMI DOL. If your department still has the authority you are claiming, No. 1, why did your department rush the issuance of umbrella permits before Nov. 28, 2009?, and No. 2, why is it that the issued Foreign National ID Card does not contain an issuance date, unlike previous permits your departments issued? Is it because you are aware or are confused about your authority? No. 3, if you are claiming you still have the authority to issue permits, then why not issue those unclaimed umbrella permits sitting in your department?

We all have to admit that the intention of your department to issue umbrella permits was not to stabilize the workforce for two years but to make it appear during election time that the CNMI government was concerned about its economy. And let's all admit that we were all surprised at how the federal government accepted and/or considered those umbrella permits.

Instead of exhausting your energy and intelligence on how to control the aliens' status (which you have given to most of us, thank you so much for your generosity!), why not work with other government agencies to find ways and funds on how to train your citizens to be workers, such as seminars/workshops on food processing, agriculture and fisheries, to establishing micro-businesses. Does the CNMI really need to import *langoniza, tocino, daing*, tilapia, eggs, or even ginger?

Malou Berueco
As Gonno, Saipan

The Weather

Satellite image and accompanying information are provided by the National Weather Service. For an updated weather forecast, visit the National Weather Service Guam Homepage: www.prh.noaa.gov/guam/

5-Day Forecast for Saipan and Tinian

TODAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY
Mostly sunny with a slight chance of showers. Northeast Winds 15 to 20 mph.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers. East winds 15 to 20 mph.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers.
▲86° ▼75°	▲86° ▼76°	▲86° ▼75°	▲86° ▼75°	▲86° ▼76°

Micronesia

Guam and Rota	Sunny	▲83	▼75
Palau	Showers	▲86	▼76
Yap	Showers	▲84	▼76
Chuuk	Showers	▲88	▼77
Pohnpei	Showers	▲85	▼76
Kosrae	Cloudy	▲86	▼79
Majuro	Showers	▲83	▼78

Around The Globe

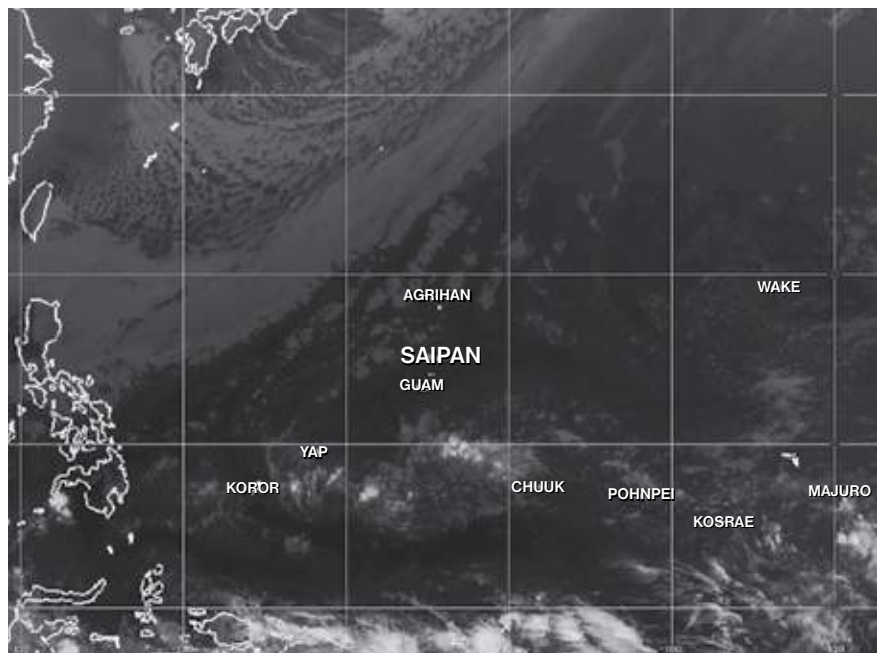
Auckland	Mostly Cloudy	▲66	▼56
Beijing	Sunny	▲39	▼25
Hong Kong	Showers	▲78	▼72
Honolulu	Mostly Sunny	▲79	▼69
London	Showers	▲46	▼34
Los Angeles	Sunny	▲73	▼52
Manila	Rain	▲86	▼75
Melbourne	Sunny	▲76	▼53
Miami	Thundershowers	▲82	▼70
New York	Rain	▲53	▼46
Osaka	Mostly Cloudy	▲57	▼48
Paris	Cloudy	▲44	▼33
Pusan	Partly Sunny	▲57	▼30
Rome	Mostly Sunny	▲51	▼41
Salem	Rain	▲54	▼37
San Francisco	Showers	▲58	▼45
Seoul	Cloudy	▲36	▼16
Tokyo	Partly Sunny	▲55	▼45
Washington, DC	Rain	▲62	▼53

Tides

Saipan Harbor

6:41 AM	Today	High Tide:	1.7 Feet
12:15 PM	Today	Low Tide:	1.0 Feet
5:16 PM	Today	High Tide:	1.7 Feet

Yesterday's Satellite Image



PICTURE TIME: 1:00PM, WEDNESDAY, MARCH 11, 2010
Western North Pacific between equator and 25N from 130E to 180.

A cold front extends from northeast of 25N144E east of Iwo To island to 17N130E. Extensive cloudiness and scattered showers are found along and up to 350 miles northwest of the front and up to 150 miles southwest of the front. Trade-wind convergence north and east of a surface trough running from 6N171E to EQ174E is producing scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms southeast of Kwajelein and around Majuro between 5N and 8N from 169E to 173E and southeast of Majuro between 3N and 6N from 174E to beyond 180.

Sunrise/Sunset

Today	6:27 AM	6:27 PM
Saturday	6:27 AM	6:27 PM
Sunday	6:26 AM	6:27 PM
Monday	6:25 AM	6:27 PM
Tuesday	6:24 AM	6:27 PM

Moonrise/Moonset

Today	3:52 AM	3:35 PM
Saturday	4:30 AM	4:23 PM
Sunday	5:06 AM	5:09 PM
Monday	5:40 AM	5:56 PM
Tuesday	6:15 AM	6:43 PM

FLIGHT SCHEDULE AS OF MARCH 6, 2010

DEPARTURES

SAIPAN-ROTA (ROP)

C09597	11:30am	12:05pm	1, 7

ROTA (ROP)-GUAM

C09597	12:40pm	1:10pm	1, 7

SAIPAN-GUAM

C09317	4:25am	5:15am	Daily
C09313	8:30am	9:20am	Daily
C09597	11:30am	1:10pm	1, 7 via ROP
C09601	12:20pm	1:10pm	4, 5
C09603	3:15pm	4:05pm	Daily
C09605	6:20pm	7:10pm	Daily
C09599	9:20pm	10:10pm	Daily

SAIPAN-NAGOYA (NGO)

DL638	8:00am	10:55am	Daily

SAIPAN-NARITA (NRT)

DL287	5:50am	8:40am	Daily
DL638/288	8:00am	1:40pm	1, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 via NGO
DL297	4:35pm	7:30pm	Daily
DL289	4:50pm	7:45pm	Daily

SAIPAN-BUSAN (PUS)

OZ608	3:20am	6:50am	1, 5

SAIPAN-SEOUL (ICN)

OZ604	2:10am	6:00am	1
OZ604	2:40am	6:30am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7
OZ119	4:00am	11:25am	Daily via Osaka
		Arrive OSA 6:40am, leave OSA 9:30am	
OZ606	3:20pm	7:00pm	2, 4, 6, 7

SAIPAN-SHANGHAI (PVG)

FM844	2:50am	5:40am	2, 6

SAIPAN-GUANGZHOU (CAN)

CZ3008	3:30am	6:40am	2, 6

SAIPAN-MANILA (MNL)

OZ604/701	2:10am	11:50am	1 via ICN
OZ604/701	2:40am	11:50am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 via ICN
OZ608/705	3:20am	1:30am+1	1, 4, 5, 7 via PUS
C09603/893	3:15pm	9:10pm	3, 5 via GUM-PALAU
OZ606/703	3:20pm	10:55pm	2, 4, 6, 7 via ICN
C09605/933	6:20pm	9:40pm	Daily via GUM
C09599/PR111	9:20pm	7:50am+1	1, 3, 5, 6, 7 via GUM

SAIPAN-HONG KONG

OZ604/721	2:10am	12:00pm	1 via ICN
OZ604/721	2:40am	12:00pm	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 via ICN
OZ606/749	3:20pm	11:00pm	4, 6, 7 via ICN

ARRIVALS

ROTA (ROP)-SAIPAN

C09598	3:10am	3:45am	5, 6
C09312	1:20pm	1:55pm	6

GUAM-ROTA (ROP)

C09598	2:00am	2:30am	5, 6
C09312	12:10pm	12:40pm	6

GUAM-SAIPAN

C09316	2:00am	2:50am	1, 2, 3, 4, 7
C09598	2:00am	3:45am	5, 6 via ROP
C09596	7:00am	7:50am	Daily
C09600	10:05am	10:55am	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 7
C09312	12:10pm	1:55pm	6 via ROP
C09602	1:50pm	2:40pm	1, 4, 5, 7
C09604	4:50pm	5:40pm	Daily
C09606	8:00pm	8:50pm	Daily

NAGOYA (NGO)-SAIPAN

DL641	9:05pm	1:35am+1	Daily

NARITA (NRT)-SAIPAN

DL290	10:00am	2:30pm	Daily
DL298	10:15am	2:45pm	Daily
DL287/641	5:50pm	1:35am+1	1, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 via NGO
DL288	9:00pm	1:40am+1	Daily

BUSAN (PUS)-SAIPAN

OZ607	9:00pm	2:10am+1	4, 7

SEOUL (ICN)-SAIPAN

OZ605	9:00am	2:20pm	2, 4, 6, 7
OZ120	7:10pm	2:20am+1	Daily via Osaka
		Arrive OSA 8:50pm, leave OSA 9:50pm	
OZ603	7:40pm	1:10am+1	7
OZ603	8:10pm	1:30am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6

SHANGHAI (PVG)-SAIPAN

FM843	7:15pm	1:50am+1	1, 5

GUANGZHOU (CAN)-SAIPAN

CZ3007	7:30pm	2:40am+1	1, 5

MANILA (MNL)-SAIPAN

OZ706/607	3:35am	2:10am+1	3, 4, 6, 7 via PUS
OZ702/603	1:10pm	1:10am+1	7 via ICN
OZ702/603	1:10pm	1:30am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 via ICN
PR110/C09596	10:10pm	7:50am+1	1, 3, 5, 6, 7 via GUM
C0892/9596	10:10pm	7:50am+1	3,5 via PALAU-GUM
C0934/9596	11:10pm	7:50am+1	Daily via GUM
OZ704/605	11:55pm	2:20pm+1	1, 3, 5, 6 via ICN

HONG KONG-SAIPAN

OZ724/605	12:30am	2:20pm	2 ,4 ,6, 7 via ICN
OZ750/605	1:00am	2:20pm	2, 4 ,6 ,7 via ICN
OZ722/603	1:30pm	1:10am+1	7 via ICN
OZ722/603	1:30pm	1:30am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 via ICN

Editor's Note: Days: Monday (1), Tuesday (2), Wednesday (3), Thursday (4), Friday (5), Saturday (6) and Sunday (7); CZ: China Southern; CO: Continental; FM: Shanghai Airlines; PR: Philippine Airlines; DL: Delta Airlines; OZ: Asiana ETD: Estimated Time of Departure; ETA: Estimated Time of Arrival. The Saipan Tribune is not responsible for any changes in the schedule.)

FREEDOM AIR FLIGHT SCHEDULE

Airline	ETD	ETA	Frequency
Guam-Rota			
FRE 100	7:00am	7:30am	Daily
Rota-Saipan			
FRE 100	7:50am	8:20am	Daily
Saipan-Rota			
FRE 200	9:00am	9:30am	Daily
Rota-Guam			
FRE 200	9:50am	10:15am	Daily
Guam-Rota			
FRE 300	4:00pm	4:30pm	Daily
Rota-Saipan			
FRE 300	4:50pm	5:25pm	Daily
Saipan-Rota			
FRE 400	6:00pm	6:30pm	Daily
Rota-Guam			
FRE 400	6:45pm	7:15pm	Daily
Saipan-Tinian			
FRE 101	6:45am	6:55am	Daily
FRE 103	7:30am	7:40am	Daily
FRE 105	8:00am	8:10am	Daily
FRE 107	8:40am	8:50am	Daily
FRE 109*	9:10am	9:20am	Daily
FRE 111*	10:45am	10:55am	Daily

Airline	ETD	ETA	Frequency
FRE 113	11:40am	11:50am	Daily
FRE 115	1:00pm	1:10pm	Daily
FRE 117	2:30pm	2:40pm	Daily
FRE 119	4:00pm	4:10pm	Daily
FRE 121	4:40pm	4:50pm	Daily
FRE 123 *	5:40pm	5:50pm	Daily
FRE 125 *	6:00pm	6:10pm	Daily
Tinian-Saipan w/ connecting flights to Rota or Guam**			
FRE 102	7:05am	7:15am	Daily
FRE 104	7:50am	8:00am	Daily
FRE 106**	8:20am	8:30am	Daily
FRE 108**	9:00am	9:10am	Daily
FRE 110	10:00am	10:10am	Daily
FRE 112	11:05am	11:15am	Daily
FRE 114	12:00pm	12:10pm	Daily
FRE 116	1:30pm	1:40pm	Daily
FRE 118	2:50pm	3:00pm	Daily
FRE 120**	4:20pm	4:30pm	Daily
FRE 122**	5:00pm	5:10pm	Daily
FRE 124	6:05pm	6:15pm	Daily
FRE 126	6:20pm	6:30pm	Daily

GET YOUR PICTURES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS PUBLISHED—FOR FREE

The *Saipan Tribune* accepts for FREE publication the following:

PICTURES

- ISLAND SNAPSHOTS
  Birthdays, baptisms, christenings, family gatherings, reunions, club activities, and other community-related events.
- BIRTHDAY GREETINGS
  A way for families and friends to greet their loved ones, accompanied by a picture of the person celebrating his/her birthday.
- BUSINESS
  Corporate donations, volunteer work, promotions, granting of awards, team-building exercises, meetings and other activities by members of the business community.
- SAMU'T SARI
  Pictures from the islands' Filipino community, primarily focusing on Filipino activities, gatherings, get-togethers, volunteer work, etc.
- TRAVELOGUE
  Pictures of off-island travels. Contributors may submit up to 10 pictures for consideration.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- COMMUNITY BRIEFS
  Announcements of upcoming activities of organizations, community clubs, government agencies, and private companies.
- CAMPUS BULLETIN
  Announcements of upcoming activities in public and private schools, as well as calendar of activities. May include PTSA meetings, enrollment procedures.

REQUIREMENTS

For pictures:

- Photos should be original and not copyrighted. Contributors must have the right to allow the *Saipan Tribune* to publish the pictures.
- Digital pictures should be high-resolution (minimum of 800kb).
- Must have complete details (who, what, where, when), the name of contact person, and phone number.
- Photos must have been taken in the last two months.
- For birthday greetings, must be submitted no later than 12 noon of the previous day to make it to next day's edition.

For announcements:

- Must have complete details (who, what, where, when), the name of contact person, and a phone number.
- Must be submitted no later than 12 noon to make it to next day's edition.

HOW TO SUBMIT

- E-mail: editor@saipantribune.com or jayvee_vallejera@saipantribune.com.
- Fax: (670) 235-3740
- Mail: PMB 34, P.O. Box 10001, Saipan, CNMI 96950
- Drop off: 2nd Floor, JP Center, Beach Road, Garapan, Saipan
  To check if contributions are received, call (670) 235-6397, 235-2440, 235-8747

POLICY

- The *Saipan Tribune* reserves the right to accept or reject a contribution for publication; the right to edit all contributions, the date of publication, size of the picture, and page placement; and the right to publish contributions in print, electronic, or other media formats.
- The *Saipan Tribune* will decide how often community announcements are going to be published.
- For Travelogue, the *Saipan Tribune* reserves the right to choose which pictures to publish.

NMI CRIME STOPPERS

Anonymous tips can now be submitted through the following:

- Call 234-7272 (PARA) on any telephone
- *11 on any PTI cellular phone
- Log on to the internet at www.nmicrimestoppers.com

NEWS DESK For news tips, corrections and requests for news coverage, call (670) 235-NEWS (6397), 235-2440, fax 235,3740. E-mail: editor@saipantribune.com. Website:www.saipantribune.com.

CUSTOMER SERVICE For inquiries, purchase of back issues and complaints, call (670) 235-8747, 235-2440, fax 235-3740.

SUBSCRIPTION Published Monday to Saturday, *Saipan Tribune* offers door-to-door on-island delivery at an annual rate of $160. For additional subscription information, call (670) 235-8747 or 235-2769, or fax 235-3740.

ADVERTISING For inquiries contact (670) 235-2769. E-mail: sales@saipantribune.com

NMC's alumni group unveils card program

The Northern Marianas College unveiled its new alumni card program during the Alumni Mixer event held March 11 at the Pacific Islands Club. The alumni card program allows cardholders to take advantage of benefits and discounts offered by participating business establishments.

The NMC Alumni Association continues to promote a sense accomplishment and camaraderie in connecting NMC with its current and former students of the Northern Marianas College.

The NMC Alumni Mixer was the first of many planned opportunities for alumni to register with the association and become aware of how they can participate in alumni-sanctioned events that would have them give back to both the island community and the college.

During the mixer, the Alumni Association took an important step by unveiling and implementing the NMC Alumni Membership Card program that would give NMC alumni members discounts and other benefits at participating CNMI businesses.

The official NMC Alumni Association logo.

With this incentive, the card program hopes to encourage alumni to enroll with the association and become proud and active members in improving postsecondary education through donations or volunteering in various events with the Northern Marianas College.

If interested NMC alumni would like to register with the association, registration forms can be downloaded from the NMC Web site at www.nmcnet.edu or e-mail alumni@nmcnet.edu. Alumni can also visit or contact the NMC Office of Institutional Advancement at 234-5498 Ext. 1502 (Building N Room 6). ***(NMC)***

COMMUNITY BRIEFS

KagES to host 'Spring Splash Dance' today

To all parents and guardians of Kagman Elementary School students, the school and its Student Council will be hosting the Blue Marlins "Spring Splash Dance" today, March 12, from 5pm to 8:30pm, at the school's cafeteria. Admission is $1 at the door. Students must have KagES tickets with parental permission. Tickets are non-refundable. Parents are encouraged to attend and chaperone their children. ***(PR)***

SSHS PTA meeting set

Saipan Southern High School will have a PTA meeting on March 17, 2010, Wednesday, at 6pm, in the Manta Ray café. Please join us as important information will be discussed. ***(PR)***

Puengin Inetnon today in Kagman

Puengin Inetnon will be held today at the Kagman Community Center parking lot. Puengin Inetnon is Kagman's Friday Night Market, which begin at 4:30pm and ends at 10pm. This week's vendors feature Lynn's Barbeque, Fong's, Champ's Shaved Ice, and The Library Bookmobile.

Puengin Inetnon is a family oriented event. Alcohol will be prohibited from the event. All are welcome. Interested vendors can call 256-7678 or email kagmankomunidatassociation@gmail.com. ***(PR)***

Farmers, fishermen invited to Kagman Night Market

The Kagman Komunidat Association is inviting farmers and fishermen to the Kagman Friday Night Markets to sell produce and fish. All fees will be waived for first time sellers. Call Jesse Torres at 256-7678 or e-mail kagmankomunidatassociation@gmail.com for more information. ***(PR)***

PSS special education program sets public hearing

The Public School System's Special Education Program will conduct public hearings to solicit comments from the community, including comments from individuals with disabilities and parents of children with disabilities, about the new or the revised Special Education policies and procedures. All comments will be considered prior to the submission of the special education grant applicant on May 10, 2010.

Meeting dates, times and location are:

- Tinian: March 15, 2010, 5:30-6:30 at the Tinian High School Library
- Saipan: March 16, 5:30-6:30, 2nd floor of the Retirement building VTC room
- Rota: March 18, 5:30-6:30, Sinapalo Elementary School Cafeteria

Comments may be submitted in writing or orally at the meeting. Written comments may also be submitted to the Special Education Program Office, 2nd floor of the Retirement Building, no later than 4:30pm, March 30, 2010.

For questions or comments about the public hearing, call the Special Education Program at 237-3029. ***(PR)***

GUANGDONG HARDWARE

GUANGDONG MILEI? GUANGDONG BA ITO?

GOOD NEWS TO ALL TINIAN/ROTA CUSTOMERS:

To order just dial 288-2288, Payment can be made through credit card authorization, or cashier check, postal money order, traveler's check sent thru Freedom Air/ SN-5.

SPECIAL SALE

SPECTRUM:

SEMI-GLOSS INT. & EXT. LATEX $16.50/GAL | $54.99/4.25 GAL

FLAT INT. & EXT. LATEX (PRIMER) $12.50/GAL | $46.99/4.25 GAL

WATERBASE PRIMER $17.04/GAL | $76.99/4.25 GAL

GLOSS WHITE ENAMEL $18.79/GAL

PROMOTION:

FREE GIVEAWAY FOR EVERY PURCHASE OF PAINTS.

1) $100.00 & ABOVE: 2 SOAP HOLDER
2) $400.00 & ABOVE: SHOWER ROOM DOOR WORTH $132.00
3) $600.00 & ABOVE: 1 WATERCLOSET WORTH $178.00

THIN-SET MORTAR $8.40

JOINT COMPAND $17.50 5 GAL.

WATERCLOSET $86.00 & UP • SINK $33 & UP

NEW ARRIVAL OF CERAMIC TILES, 12"*12" $0.79/pc • 8"*12" $0.52/pc

OTHERS

CEMENT $6.50/BAG
DELIVERY CHARGE TO TINIAN-$3.00/BAG

HOLLOW BLOCKS (CMU) 4"-$0.50/pc • 6"-$0.60/pc • 8"-$0.70/pc

#4 REBAR-$708.00/BDL
#3,#5-#8 REBAR-$738.00/ST

GALVALUME ROOF TIN G26 FROM KOREA, BETTER QUALITY & RUST RESISTANCE

25%OFF FOR 2X8 UTILITY LUMBER REGULAR & TREATED

40%OFF FOR OVERSIZED AND DAMAGED MAHOGANY LUMBER

U.S. LUMBER
2X4X20 REGULAR: $6.60
2X4X20 TREATED: $11.20

UTILITY LUMBER REGULAR	UTILITY LUMBER TREATED
2X4X12 - $3.95	2X4X12 - $5.60
2X4X14 - $4.50	2X4X14 - $6.50
2X4X16 - $5.10	2X4X16 - $7.70
2X4X18 - $5.70	2X6X12 - $10.00
2X4X20 - $6.30	2X6X14 - $11.00
2X6X12 - $6.70	2X6X16 - $13.00
2X6X14 - $7.60	2X6X18 - $14.50
2X6X16 - $8.90	2X6X20 - $16.90
2X6X18 - $9.90	
2X6X20 - $10.90	

5/8" FLYFORM:	$24.80/PC
5/8" PHENOLIC FLYFORM:	$27.30/PC
WIRE MESH 7'*50':	$65.00
WIRE MESH 7'*100':	$117.00

15% TO 50% OFF ALL DAMAGED ITEMS!

CHEAPEST DEALER OF MAJOR CONSTRUCTION MATERIAL ON ISLAND!

Never satisfied until you are

P.O. BOX 501640, SAIPAN, MP 96950
TEL: (670) 288-2288/2289/6688
FAX: 288-4488
E-mail:gddc@pticom.com
Business hours:
Mon. to Sat. 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

AMERICAN EXPRESS MasterCard VISA

MICROL TOYOTA

SPECIALS OF THE WEEK

2006 LEXUS IS250 4DR SEDAN

Price $24,999

Stock: U09-084P
License: ACJ-843
Mileage: 32134
Auto • Silver

USED CARS

STOCK	YEAR	MODEL	TRANS.	MILEAGE	COLOR	LICENSE #	PRICE	REDUCED PRICE
TOYOTA SEDAN								
T07-04337	2007	YARIS 4DR	AUTO	36888	WHITE	ACD-687	11,399	
T07-04335	2007	YARIS 4DR	AUTO	38811	WHITE	ACD-727	11,399	
OTHER CARS & TRUCKS								
U07-034T	2000	NISSAN MAXIMA GXE 4DR	AUTO	68648	WHITE	ACT-812	~~10,999~~	6,999

WANTED

Looking at selling your vehicle, Microl is looking at purchasing used vehicles between 4 to 5 years of age and in good condition. If you are interested, please visit our Sales Department Monday thru Friday between 8:00 am to 3:00 pm.

MICROL TOYOTA
Corner Beach Road and Chalan Mnsr. Guerrero in San Jose
Monday 8:00am to 5:00pm | Tuesday to Friday 8:00am to 4:00pm | Saturday & Sunday Closed
Telephone: 234-5911 | Fax: 234-6514 | www.microlsaipan.com

TOYOTA ACDelco

Saipan Tribune Make it your DAILY habit.

2010 models have arrived!
Ford
The 2010 Ranger
Best-In-Class Fuel Economy.
UP TO 27 MPG**
The Ranger offers both fuel economy and power. Choose the efficient 4-cylinder version for just running around the island or with the optional 4.0-liter V6 Ranger 4x4 and you can engage both axles at the turn of a knob. Ranger gives you what you want from a full-size pickup in a compact truck that's priced much less.
The 2010 Escape
So Much Fun. So Little Fuel.
UP TO 28 MPG**
Escape is a more perfect form of SUV – one that delivers sporty performance and great fuel economy. The New Duratec® 2.5L I-4 engine gets up to 28 mpg. Available in 2WD or the optional intelligent 4WD system. Power package, 16 inches alloy wheels and 5-Star NHTSA crash test safety rating all standard.
The 2010 Mustang
AVAILABLE SOON!
Joeten Motors
POWERED BY YOU
SHOWROOM HOURS: MON. – FRI. 8 AM – 6 PM • SAT. 8 AM - 12 NOON • TEL. (670) 234-5562
Vehicle may not be exactly as shown • Some conditions apply • On approved credit • See dealer for details • While Supplies last. **EPA Estimated hwy mpg.

Cancer association hires Sablan as new program manager

Former CNMI lawmaker Tina Sablan is the new program manager for the Commonwealth Cancer Association.

In an announcement issued yesterday, the association's board of directors said that Sablan will oversee the nonprofit group's cancer support services and programs.

Sablan

Board vice chair Bud White, who led the CCA Selection Committee, said that Sablan's new responsibilities include managing the CCA's programs and services for cancer patients, promoting cancer awareness through outreach and education, advancing the goals and objectives of the CNMI's Comprehensive Cancer Control Plan, and fundraising.

Sablan recently completed a term as a member of the 16th CNMI legislature, and prior to public office had worked as an environmental specialist, waste reduction coordinator, and science teacher.

Sablan will be assuming CCA responsibilities formerly held by Joanne Ogo.

Ogo had previously been carrying two positions: CCA program manager and program coordinator for the federally funded Comprehensive Cancer Control Plan under the Department of Public Health. She will now be focusing primarily on her responsibilities with CCCP and will remain with DPH.

White thanked Ogo for her dedicated efforts these past three years in building up the programs and services offered to cancer patients through both the Commonwealth Cancer Association and the Department of Public Health.

"It has certainly not been easy wearing two hats, as Joanne has done, and we are pleased at the progress that the CCA has made since our early beginnings. We are confident that having two full-time and committed individuals onboard and working together, with Joanne at DPH and Tina at the CCA, will translate into even better services for cancer survivors, their families, and the community," he said.

CCA is a community-based nonprofit organization dedicated to eliminating cancer and saving lives by providing advocacy, awareness, education, services, and hope. Services for cancer patients include providing, at no cost, consumables such as nutritional supplements and bed pads, humanitarian assistance for end-of-life care and comfort, and equipment on loan such as wheelchairs, oxygen concentrators, and hospital beds.

The CCA is funded entirely by the contributions of corporations, private foundations, individuals, and families. Its best-known fundraising event is the annual Marianas March Against Cancer, which will take place this year at the Hopwood Junior High School Field from 6pm on May 14 to 6am on May 15.

The association's office is now located on the ground floor of Nokalimi Plaza on Garapan Road.

The members of the CCA board are Alex Sablan (chair); Bud White (vice chair); Jocelyn Songsong (secretary); Maggie Camacho (treasurer), and Jocelyn Deleon Guerrero, Bobbi Grizzard, and Robert Torres. Non-voting board members are Dr. Jack Hardy, senior adviser, and Nancy Gottfried, legal adviser.

The CCA holds open board meetings every month and members of the public are encouraged to attend. For more information about the association, or to make a donation, call 682-0050 or 285-3935, e-mail cca@ccamarianas.org, or visit www.ccamarianas.org.

For more information about the Marianas March Against Cancer, contact 2010 MMAC chair Janine Nogis at 664-8500 or email Janine.nogis@gmail.com, or visit http://www.cca-marianas.org/mmac.asp. ***(PR)***

NMC to offer CCHT exam review course

The Northern Marianas College, through the Division of Community Programs and Services' Community Development Institute and the CNMI Area Health Education Center, is offering a short-term training course to prepare hospital or clinical staff to take the dialysis certification examination.

CCHT EXAM REVIEW COURSE
- Dates: March 14, 21, 28 April 4, 11, 18, 25 May 2, 9, 16 (Sundays only)
- Time: 8:30am to 12:30pm
- Room: C-4 (NMC Campus)
- Fee: $250** *(minimum enrollment requirement of 12 students)*

The Certified Clinical Hemodialysis Technician Exam Review Course will give students an opportunity to improve their test-taking skills so that they may be more comfortable and confident in taking the CCHT exam. Students will review the principles of dialysis, procedures involved in hemodialysis and the basic skills needed in the health field. Content areas that students will be focusing on include technical, environment, and role.

Aside from lessons on test-taking strategies, students planning on applying for the CCHT exam are expected to fulfill all other eligibility and certification requirements within their scope of practice, as defined by the State and Nephrology Nursing Certification Commission. Clinical training component is not included.

The CNMI Area Health Education Center will subsidize this review course for individuals who are CNMI legal residents (U.S. citizens, U.S. green card holders, and Immediate Relatives who are dependents of or married to U.S. citizens). Because of limited funds, subsidy will be based on a first-come, first-serve. Applicants are asked to submit a copy of a valid U.S. passport, a driver's license or a birth certificate for verification purposes upon registration.

All interested individuals should register at least seven days before the first day of class. Certificates of attendance or competence will be awarded to registered students who complete all course requirements. Full payment is required for admission to a class.

For a more detailed description of the course, contact CDI at 234-5498 ext. 1030 or log on to www.nmcnet.edu.

To register or for information about the course, visit the CDI Office in Building P on the NMC Campus in As Terlaje or call Les Ogumoro-Uludong at 234-5498 Ext. 1010 or e-mail logumoro@nmcnet.edu. ***(NMC)***

American Red Cross
Super CPR Saturday
When: March 20th, Saturday
Venue: Dolores Plaza, Songsong Village, Rota
Time: 0800-1200
Promotional Fee: $5.00
Limited space available, first come first serve basis
Call the NMI Chapter TODAY
at 234-3459 to make reservations

Toothworks donates $5,000 to NMC Foundation

Underscoring its commitment to enhancing educational opportunities for CNMI students, Toothworks recently presented a $5,000 donation to the Northern Marianas College Foundation.

"Our company has always been a strong supporter of the College and its mission to advance educational and professional training opportunities for students," said Dr. Alan Stuart Markoff of Toothworks. "We are glad to be making this donation on behalf of all employees of Toothworks."

The donation, made through the Educational Tax Credit program, was presented in support of the upcoming 8th Annual Golf Foundation Open golf tournament, which is organized by the NMC Foundation. The tournament, the organization's signature event, aims to raise critical funds to support NMC's academic programs and services.

CONTACT INFO
Tel: 234-5498 Ext. 1050
Web: www.nmcnet.edu

"We are extremely grateful for Toothworks' generous contribution," said Ben Babauta, president of the NMC Foundation. "The donation speaks volumes about the company's dedication to enhancing higher education in the CNMI."

The NMC Foundation is a non-profit organization whose goal is to raise funds to support the Northern Marianas College, the CNMI's lone postsecondary educational institution. The organization is composed of individuals who are dedicated and committed to ensuring that CNMI students receive the utmost support in pursuing their educational goals.

"We are deeply thankful for Toothworks' donation," said NMC interim president Lorraine Cabrera. "The company's donation will help the college enhance the programs and services that we provide students."

Saipan Laolao will play host to the 8th Annual NMC Foundation Open golf tournament, scheduled for Saturday, April 24, 2010. For sponsorship information or to register to play, contact 234-5498 extension 1050. Interested golfers can also log on to the NMC Web site at www.nmcnet.edu to download registration forms. ***(NMC)***

CONTRIBUTED PHOTO
NMC interim president Lorraine T. Cabrera, center, Dr. Markoff of Toothworks, fourth right, and NMC Foundation president Vicente "Ben" Babauta, third right, pose with Toothworks staff upon presentation of a $5,000 donation to the NMC Foundation.

Saipan Community School
ECO Karnival
Kilili Beach Park
March 13, 2010 • 10am-4pm
RECYCLE
Games/Prizes • Exhibit Booths • Live Entertainment • Plant/Book Sale
BBQ Hot Lunch • Fashion Show • Bike Parade • Family Fun!

SAIPAN FLEA MARKET
(NIGHT BAZAAR)
ENTERTAINMENT AND
FOOD (BY GENTLE BROOK & 360 RESTAURANT)
Every Saturday, from 5pm to 9pm infront of the
Marianas Business Plaza Building, Susupe
(formerly Nauru Building)
For space reservation and entertainers inquiries:
Please call Divine at 234-7626 or drop by at their office at room 208,
2nd floor, Marianas Business Plaza Bldg.
THIS SATURDAY
SABALU FARMERS
MARKET
(across MHS Susupe)
Fresh Local Produce &
Local Dishes
6:00am - 11:00am
Also visit Farmers Market on Tuesday!
from 3pm - 9pm (across Kristo Rai)

Twenty Guam and CNMI Employers pictured after receiving the "Most Supportive Employer Award" at the First-Ever ESGR Employer Awards Gala in May 2009.

First Annual Employer Awards Banquet

Saturday, March 13th • Saipan World Resort

ESGR is a Department of Defense agency that promotes cooperation and understanding between Service Members and Employers by increasing awareness and education of the Federal Law, USERRA; mediating work-place disputes and recognizing supportive Employers for their tremendous support of our National Guard and Reserve members. For more information, call 671-735-0456 or 670-287-1129.

ASC TRUST CORPORATION

Able Industries of the Pacific

MAR PAC

AMBROS Inc.

DFS GALLERIA

IT&E Life in Motion

HAW'N ROCK PRODUCTS CORP. Since 1958

Tan Holdings

PEREZ BROS. INC. SINCE 1951

TOP 10 REASONS
to employ a Servicemember:

10 - Global Perspective
9 - On Time, All the Time
8 - First-Class Image
7 - Calm Under Pressure
6 - "Can-Do" Attitude
5 - Physical Conditioning
4 - Mission-Critical Skills
3 - Responsibility
2 - Professionalism

And the number one reason-
LEADERSHIP!!!

Military employees are already leaders and managers—loyal, dedicated, and highly motivated!!!

GUAM SHIPYARD

Shell

BLACK CONSTRUCTION CORPORATION

First Hawaiian Bank
We say Yes

J.C. TENORIO ENTERPRISES INCORPORATED

103.9 KZMI Saipan FIRST & FAVORITE FM

PROMOTIONS SPECIALTIES

Pacific Daily News
GUAM'S complete SOURCE
www.guampdn.com

coast360 federal credit union

BANK OF GUAM
THE PEOPLE'S BANK
Member FDIC

G.C.I.C. Dental Office

Roger Kaneshiro Dental

My Secret Garden

Island Snapshots

BIRTHDAY SHOUTOUT

Birthday greetings to Princess Dianne Dacuma, who will be celebrating her 12th birthday today, March 12, 2010. Greetings coming from Mom and Dad.

CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

Happy birthday to Editha Agustin who is celebrating her birthday on March 14. May God bless her and give her more blessings to come. From her family and friends

CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

GTC CHAMPIONS

Left, Breanna Maratita Camacho, center, wins first place in the Storytelling Category amongst seven other schools from Saipan, Tinian, Rota, and Guam. She is in the third grade of GTC Elementary School in San Roque. Her coach, Ms. Magofña, left, and teacher, Ms. Taimañao, right, accompanied her and the rest of the selected students of GTC Elementary to Guam for the University of Guam Division of Humanistic Studies College of Liberal Arts & Social Sciences Competition, "Fino' Chamoru Na Kompetasion Unibetsedåt Guåhan," held on March 9, 2010.

CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

GTC Elementary School Students of Saipan are shown here with their first place trophies that they won in various categories of the competition. Congratulations GTC students for garnering most of the trophies! You all did an excellent job!

CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

PGFC WINNER

Congratulation to Matt Jason B. Moran, second grade student of Grace Christian Academy, who won first place in the Readers Forum division of the recently concluded PGFC Regional Competition held at Kagman Elementary School. He also won first place in last year's PGFC Regional Impromptu K-2 division. "We're proud of you." Greetings come from family and friends.

ENFORCE UNDERAGE DRINKING LAWS
Do not provide alcohol to minors under 21!
Help keep our youth and community safe!
A message from the CNMI Youth Advisory Council and the Juvenile Justice Task Force.
Made possible by a grant from the US Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs, Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention.

TWINS SUPERMARKET

...the place where you can buy goods at affordable and low prices...

DANDAN 235-8989 **OPEN 24HOURS**

Weekend Sale!

MARCH 12, 13 & 14, 2010

LOWER NAVY HILL 322-4989 • OPEN 6AM-11PM

WE ACCEPT MAJOR CREDIT CARDS PACIFIC EXPRESS · AMERICAN EXPRESS · DISCOVER NETWORK · VISA · JCB · MasterCard

WE ACCEPT FOOD STAMP

PRICES MAY CHANGE WITHOUT PRIOR NOTICE.

- Diamond G Rice $29.99 50 LBS. / $12.99 20 LBS.
- Lotus Rice $24.99 50 LBS.
- Brown Rice/ Sweet Rice $3.99 5 LBS
- Chicken Leg Quarter LIMIT 1 $19.99 33 LBS. / $14.99 22 LBS.
- Pork Spareribs LIMIT 2 $15.99 20 LBS.
- Baby Ribs LIMIT 2 $15.99 /CASE
- Young Whole Chicken LIMIT 2 $33.99 30 LBS.
- Philadelphia Cream Cheese $2.50
- U.S. Eggs Extra Large $2.19 /DOZ. LIMIT 4 DOZ.
- Treasure Cave Blue Cheese $2.59 4 OZ.
- Hot Pockets/ Lean Pockets 2 for $6.00 1 12 OZ.
- Vega Shrimp $4.99 1 LB. LIMIT 6
- Green Mussels $3.99 2 LB. LIMIT 1
- Dashida Soup Stock $6.99 1 KG.
- Excellent Flour/ Rice Stick 79¢
- Zesto Juice (All Flavor) $1.75 /BOX
- Wilkins $2.99 6000 ML.
- Butane Gas LIMIT 2 CASES $19.99 /CASE

FRESH MEATS • FROZEN FOODS • PRODUCE • GROCERY ITEMS

- Miller Sausage $14.99 5 LBS.
- Ground Beef $9.99 5 LBS. / $16.99 10 LBS.
- Beef Rib Finger $2.99 /LB
- Ground Pork $2.39 1 LB. / $16.99 10 LBS.
- Gusto's Chopped Ham $7.99 5 LBS. / $15.99 10 LBS.
- Bar S Jumbo Franks $1.09 /PKG LIMIT 2
- Bar S Bacon $2.49 /PKG.
- Hoffy Portugese Sausage $1.99 /PKG.
- Lamb Shoulder Roll $4.99 1 LB.
- Chicken Wings 5 LBS. $11.99
- Tillamook Swisscheese 1 LB. $4.50
- Shredd's Spread Country Crock 15 OZ. $3.29 12 OZ.
- Tyson Anytizer All Kinds $3.99
- Kashi Pizza 11.9 OZ. 2 FOR $10.00
- Totino's All Kinds $1.99 10.2 OZ.
- Happy Time Assorted Cookies $5.99 1.5 KG.
- Kraft Cool Whip Al Kinds 8 OZ. $1.99
- Squid 1 LB. $1.99 BOX
- Mackerel Pike $20.99 22 LBS.
- Tilapia 99¢ /LB / $37.99 /CASE
- Milkfish $1.49 /LB
- Broccoli $1.59
- Cabbage 79¢ /LB.
- Garlic (4 pcs.) 89¢ /LB.
- Potato (Jumbo) 79¢ /LB.
- Orange 89¢ /LB.
- Watermelon 59¢ /LB.

FAMILY BAG

Pork Hocks	$8.99
Pork Belly	$10.99
Pork Adobo	$9.99
Pork Spareribs	$5.99
Pork Chops	$10.99
Beef Stew	$13.99
Beef Backribs	$6.99
Beef Shortribs	$14.99
Stewing Chicken	$6.99
Quarter Legs	$4.99
Beef Ribeye Steak	$15.99
Flank Steak	$17.99

CANNED GOODS • BEVERAGES • SNACKS • GROCERY ITEMS

- Spam (All Flavors) $2.29 LIMIT 6 CANS
- Palm Corned Beef 11.5 OZ. $2.79
- Hormel Corned Beef Hash $1.99 LIMIT 6 CANS
- Hormel Corned Beef $1.99 LIMIT 6 CANS
- Black Label $1.39 LIMIT 6 CANS
- Hormel Chili No Beans $1.99
- Master A1 Tuna 99¢ LIMIT 6 CANS
- Ace Diamond Tuna $1.19 LIMIT 6 CANS
- Ligo Sardines 3 for $1.00
- Century Tuna (All Flavors) 79¢ EACH
- Pink Salmon 5 OZ. 79¢ EACH
- Dinty Moore Beef Stew 15 OZ. $1.69
- Maggi Magic Sarap Seasoning 12 Sachets/Pack $1.00
- Knorr Carb & Corn Soup 60 g. $1.25
- Chicken Noodle 99¢ /PACK
- Kimchee Base $4.99 450G
- Kikkoman $3.99 1.6 L
- Silver Swan Soy Sauce 1 GALLON $2.99
- Datu Puti Vinegar $2.99 1 GALLON
- UFC Catsup 1 GALLON $3.99
- Ventura Mayonaise $9.99 1 GALLON
- AVO Vegetable Oil $6.99 1 GALLON
- Canola Oil $8.99 1 GALLON
- Salad Oil $23.99 5 GALLON
- Real Fresh Milk 1 LITER $19.99 /CASE
- Foremost Reduced Fat 1 LITER $14.99 /CASE
- Promil Ages 1 to 3 $22.99 1.8 KG.
- Enfamil Milk LIQUID $16.99 12.5 OZ. / $29.99 23.4 OZ. / $39.99 CASE
- Sugar 99¢ 1 KG. / $1.99 2 KG.
- Maseca Flour $3.99 5 LBS.
- Corn Starch 99¢ 1 LB.
- Ichiban $8.99 /BOX
- Korean Bowl Noodle $7.99 /CASE
- Tabasco 12 OZ. $6.99
- Vlassic Dill Pickles $5.99 WHOLE / $6.99 SLICE
- Atsuete Seeds $1.99 /BAG
- Lemon Powder $4.99 /CASE
- Chorizzos $26.99 LIMIT 1
- Golden Creme Ice Cream All Flavor 1.6 LR. $4.99
- Kraft Parmesan Cheese 16 OZ. $2.99
- Springfield String Cheese 16 OZ. $4.99 16 PCS.
- Coffee Mix $6.99 LIMIT 1 100 STICKS
- Seok Water $4.99 LIMIT 2 /CASE
- Tang 22 QT. $8.99
- Hi-C 250 ML. $11.99 /CASE
- Coke (All Flavors) WARM ONLY $12.99 /CASE
- Natural Ice Beer $5.00 6 PACK / $17.99 /CASE LIMIT 2

NON-FOOD

- Tide Detergent $3.99 2.8 KG. $6.99 5 KG.
- Gain Powder LIMIT 2 $11.99 80 LOADS
- Gain Liquid Detergent (All Kind) $4.99 50 OZ. LIMIT 2
- Joy Dishwashing $5.99 90 OZ.
- Dawn Diswashing $7.99 90 OZ.
- Luv's Big Box (All Sizes) $17.99 3, 4, 5, 6
- Huggies Mega $14.99 3, 4, 5, 6
- Sunsilk Shampoo & Conditioner 2 for $5.00
- Vaseline Shampoo 2 in 1 $2.50
- Candle Jar $1.39 EACH / $12.99 CASE
- Clorox $3.29 3 QR.
- Bounty Paper Towel $18.99 15 ROLLS
- Diamond Foil 200 SQ.FT. $6.99
- Bounty Basic Paper Tower $8.99 8 ROLLS
- Toilet Tissue $2.99 10 ROLLS
- Charmin Regular $6.99 24 ROLLS
- Special Value Dog Food $25.99 40 LBS.
- Axxion Foam Plates 125 CT $6.99 LIMIT 1
- Safeguard 59¢ 90 G.

Business

Mexico's Slim becomes 'world's richest' person

MEXICO CITY (AP)—Mexican telecom tycoon Carlos Slim is the world's richest person, jumping past Americans Bill Gates and Warren Buffett to become the first person from a developing nation to top the list, according to Forbes magazine.

The rise of Slim, the son of an immigrant shopkeeper who amassed a $53.5 billion fortune and bought a major stake in the *New York Times*, is part of an increased presence on the list of billionaires from emerging countries, said Forbes' reporter Keren Blankfeld.

Slim's worth surged in the past year as his cell phone holdings rebounded in value. He is the first non-American to top the list since 1994.

Arturo Elias Ayub, an executive at Slim's Telmex telephone company and the billionaire's son-in-law, expressed satisfaction that a Mexican businessman is now at the top of the list.

"The reaction is one of satisfaction, that this confidence in Mexico exists, and this confidence in our group's companies," said Elias Ayub, who frequently acts as Slim's spokesman.

AP

In this Nov. 18, 2008 file photo, Mexican businessman Carlos Slim visits the Museo Alameda where some of his personal art collection is on display in San Antonio.

But he said the 70-year-old magnate is not breaking out the champagne.

"This is a number brought out by a magazine that doesn't concern us, or worry us," said Elias Ayub, echoing Slim's 2007 comment about the top spot that had eluded him for years: a Spanish phrase—"me es impermeable"—that roughly translates as "I'm impervious to that."

Slim is known for wearing inexpensive suits and rarely using the computers his companies sell, preferring old-style paper notebooks. A baseball fan, his indulgences are largely limited to cigars and diet soft drinks.

While he owns—either personally or through his foundations and museums—an impressive collection of art, including works by French sculptor Auguste Rodin, he works out of a set of somewhat dowdy, 1970s-style offices.

Spike in Prius complaints may not be all it seems

NEW YORK (AP)—Reports of sudden acceleration in the Toyota Prius have spiked across the country. But that doesn't mean there's an epidemic of bad gas pedals in the popular hybrid.

Experts on consumer psychology say the relentless negative media attention Toyota has received since the fall makes it much more likely that drivers will mistake anything unexpected—or even a misplaced foot—for actual danger.

"When people expect problems, they're more likely to find them," said Lars Perner, a professor of clinical marketing at Marshall School of Business at University of Southern California.

In just the first 10 weeks of this year, 272 complaints have been filed nationwide for speed control problems with the Prius, according to an Associated Press analysis of unverified complaints received by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration.

By comparison, only 74 complaints were filed in all of last year, and just eight the year before that.

For problems with the brakes, rather than the gas, the figures are even more stark: 1,816 filed so far this year versus just 90 in all of 2009 and fewer than 20 in every other year of the last decade. Toyota recalled 440,000 Priuses on Feb. 8 because its antilock brakes seemed to fail momentarily on bumpy roads.

It's doubtful the Priuses of the past two years suddenly became more dangerous than those made in years past. After all, Toyota's own recall for Prius floor mats that can trap gas pedals covers model years 2004 to 2009.

Senate passes jobless aid, business tax breaks

WASHINGTON (AP)—The Senate voted Wednesday to extend key pieces of last year's economic stimulus measure, including help for the jobless and money to help financially strapped states pay for health care for the poor.

The 62-36 vote came over protests from conservatives who say the bill adds too much to the $12.5 trillion national debt. Six Republicans joined all but one Democrat, Ben Nelson of Nebraska, in voting for the bill.

The plight of the jobless and the political power of an annual package of tax breaks powered the measure through the Senate, even though it would add about $130 billion to the budget deficit over the next year and a half.

"The bill is not a second stimulus, but it's going to deliver badly needed relief to Americans who are hurting," said Sen. Chuck Schumer, D-N.Y. "It would be cruel, even inhumane, to tell these people that their unemployment benefits expire."

The measure is the second piece of the Democrats' much-touted "jobs agenda" to pass the Senate this year, with more elements promised, such as help for small businesses suffering from a credit crunch. Concern over out-of-control budget deficits are a big challenge to the success of the agenda.

BUSINESS BRIEFS

Wholesale inventories fall while sales increase

WASHINGTON (AP)—Businesses trimmed inventories at the wholesale level again in January even though sales rose for a 10th consecutive month. The dip in inventories underscored that businesses remain cautious about restocking their depleted shelves. The Commerce Department said Wednesday that inventories at the wholesale level were reduced 0.2 percent in January following a 1 percent drop in December. Sales were up a solid 1.3 percent, the best showing since a 3.6 percent rise in November. Economists are hoping that the steady gains in sales will soon prompt a sustained rebound in inventory restocking. That would trigger increased factory production and provide support for the fledgling recovery.

China inflation accelerates in February

BEIJING (AP)—China's inflation spiked higher in February, adding to pressure on Beijing to prevent overheating and keep the recovery in the world's third-largest economy on track. Consumer prices rose 2.7 percent in February over a year earlier, up from January's 1.5 percent increase, the National Bureau of Statistics reported Thursday. That exceeded most analysts' forecasts and was driven by a 6 percent jump in food costs, a key worry in a country where poor families spend up to 40 percent of their incomes on food.

It's how the CNMI knows what it needs.
Help the CNMI get our fair share.
IT'S IN OUR HANDS
Census 2010
Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands

COMMONWEALTH PORTS AUTHORITY

Main Office: SAIPAN INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT • P.O. BOX 501055, SAIPAN, MP 96950-1055 • Phone: (670) 237-6500 / Fax: (670) 234-5962
E-Mail Address: cpa.admin@pticom.com • Website: www.cpa.gov.mp

Saipan International Airport TSA Office/Restroom Renovations
Project No. CPA-SA-001-10

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

The Commonwealth Ports Authority (CPA) is soliciting sealed proposals for renovations of office space and a restroom and other improvements at the Francisco C. Ada/Saipan International Airport which will be occupied by the Transportation Security Administration (TSA).

An electronic copy of the proposal package including plans and specifications is available at the office of the Executive Director at the Saipan International Airport on **Monday, March 8, 2010**. The proposals shall include the following:

- Letter of Interest;
- Project timeframe;
- Available resources to accomplish project;
- Cost Proposal in itemized scope of work format (see proposal form in specifications);
- Valid CNMI Business License; and
- Proof of insurance.

All proposals shall be sealed and marked on the cover package outside as follows: ***"Proposal for TSA Office/Restroom Renovations, Project Number CPA-SA-001-10"***. The proposal must be submitted no later than **Friday, March 19, 2010, 4:30 p.m.,** to the Office of the Executive Director, 2nd Floor Arrival Building, at the Saipan International Airport.

A pre-proposal conference will be held at *9:00 a.m. on Monday, March 15, 2010* at the CPA Airport Conference Room. Attendance at this pre-proposal conference is mandatory and only contractors present at the pre-proposal meeting will be permitted to submit proposals.

Each proposal shall be accompanied by a bid bond issued by a CPA approved surety company, a certified check, or a cashier's check in the amount no less than ten percent (10%) of the total proposal amount. Checks shall be made payable to the Commonwealth Ports Authority.

The Project is being financed partially by funds from the Transportation Security Administration and CPA. The contract award, if it is to be made, will be made within sixty (60) calendar days from the receipt of proposals. CPA reserves the right to hold the contract award for ninety (90) calendar days from the date of receipt of proposals.

All responses to this RFP shall take into account any and all taxes that will be charged to the proposer awarded the contract for the project, including excise tax. Contractor must also take into consideration anticipated minimum wage increases. CPA will not consider unjustifiable cost escalations due to unforeseen circumstances once contract is executed.

Proposers shall also include performance and payment bonds premium (payment and performance issued by a U.S. treasury listed bonding company or CPA approved surety) which are required for this project. Performance bond shall be extended to cover the one-year warranty period upon project acceptance. Contractors must also adhere to the insurance requirements included in the proposal package.

Contractor will be responsible for acquiring all necessary permits and permitting documents for project.

Proposers shall also submit with proposal a statement of qualifications which should include résumés and experience of personnel that will be directly in charge of the project.

The contract period for the project will be based on the contractor's proposal. However, liquidated damages of ONE THOUSAND DOLLARS ($1,000.00) shall be assessed the contractor for each calendar day the completion of the project is delayed beyond the contract completion date without excuse.

Inquiries regarding this Request for Proposals may be delivered to the Office of the Executive Director, Commonwealth Ports Authority at the Saipan International Airport, faxed to (670) 234-5962 or emailed to cpa.admin@pticom.com no later than March 12, 2010.

This procurement is made in accordance with the CPA Procurement Rules and Regulations Section 3.6. CPA reserves the right to reject any or all proposals submitted for: (a) any of the reasons set forth in this Request for Proposals; or (b) any of the reasons set forth in the CPA Procurement Rules and Regulations regarding bid rejection or cancellation; or (c) sufficient justification exists that awarding the project contract would not be in the best interest of CPA. CPA further reserves the right to waive any defects in said proposals if in its sole opinion to do so would be in CPA's best interest.

All proposals shall become property of the Commonwealth Ports Authority.

FOR THE COMMONWEALTH PORTS AUTHORITY

/s/ EDWARD M. DELEON GUERRERO
Executive Director

Date: March 4, 2010

Samuel C. Lo, O.D., M.D.

Laser and Eye Surgery Center

Dr. Samuel C. Lo is pleased to announce his affiliation with the **Hardt Eye Clinic.**

Dr. Lo received his ophthalmology training at the world renowned New York Eye and Ear Infirmary and followed by a retina fellowship at the Mt. Sinai Medical Center in New York. He specializes in the treatment of retinal disease including Diabetic eye disease, Macular degeneration, Retinal detachment, Cataract and Glaucoma. Dr. Lo returns to Saipan every few months to offer "**Advanced Eye Care**" to the people of Saipan.

Dr. Lo will be in Saipan beginning March 22, 2010 for one week.
Medicare, Medicaid and most insurance are accepted.

Appointments can be made by calling Hardt Eye Clinic (670) 235-2030, the Laser and Eye Surgery Center (808) 949-2000 or by email at drsamuello@yahoo.com.

Prevent Wounds & Callus!

CHC Diabetic Foot Clinic

Save Your Foot!

Wednesdays 9-11 a.m. @ CHC Physical Therapy

Ask your doctor for a referral today!

Tel: 236-8327/8

FOOT CLINIC

will teach you how to prevent wounds & callus.

Foot Clinic Includes:

Physical Therapy foot exam & instruction in diabetic foot care
Dietician for education in blood sugar control & nutrition
Patient educator will help you learn new ways to cope with diabetes & complications

• If you have diabetes you are at high risk of developing a foot wound that could possibly lead to an AMPUTATION.

H1N1 Mass Vaccination Drive will be held on:

The H1N1 vaccine is safe, effective, and your best protection against the flu this year.
Be safe! Get Vaccinated!
NO CHC BLUE CARD NEEDED

FREE

March 13, 2010, Saturday

- 8 AM to 12 noon
- Sabalu Market
  Civic Center in Susupe

March 27, 2010, Saturday

- 7 AM to 1 PM
- Red Cross Walkathon
  4-H Building across the
  Sabalu Market in Susupe

The more people vaccinated, the less likely the flu will spread in the coming months.

You can also visit any health clinic on Saipan, Tinian, and Rota to get vaccinated.

For more information, visit the Department of Public Health's H1N1 Preparedness Website at http://h1n1dph.gov.mp .

Nation

Pelosi: Dems close on health care agreement

ST. CHARLES, Mo. (AP)—Democrats claimed momentum Wednesday in their drive to enact the sweeping health care legislation sought by President Barack Obama, citing near agreement on crucial issues despite persistent Republican efforts to knock them off stride.

Pelosi

Obama himself, rallying support outside Washington for the second time this week, shouted to a crowd in Missouri, "The time for talk is over. It's time to vote."

At the Capitol, House Speaker Nancy Pelosi said that after days of secretive talks, key Democrats were "pretty close" to accord on additional subsidies to help lower-income families purchase insurance, more aid for states under the Medicaid program for low-income Americans and additional help for seniors who face a coverage gap under current Medicare drug plans.

Pelosi, D-Calif., offered no details, and other officials cautioned that any final deal would hinge on cost estimates under preparation at the Congressional Budget Office.

Pa. suspect: Caretaker by day, 'Jihad Jane' online

PHILADELPHIA (AP)—Colleen LaRose spent long days caring for her boyfriend's father in a second-floor apartment in Pennsburg, a small town north of Philadelphia. But online, federal authorities say, the devoted caretaker developed a daring alter ego, refashioning herself as "Jihad Jane" while helping recruit and finance Muslim terrorists—and eventually moving overseas to try to kill an artist she perceived as an enemy to Islam.

LaRose

LaRose, 46, was charged Tuesday with conspiring with jihadist fighters and pledging to commit murder in the name of a Muslim holy war, or jihad. The indictment was announced hours after authorities arrested seven suspected terrorists in Ireland allegedly linked to LaRose, who has been in prison since her Oct. 15 arrest while returning to the United States.

ACROSS THE NATION

Female WWII aviators honored with gold medal

WASHINGTON (AP)—They flew planes during World War II but weren't considered "real" military pilots. No flags were draped over their coffins when they died on duty. And when their service ended, they had to pay their own bus fare home. These aviators—all women—got long-overdue recognition on Wednesday. They received the Congressional Gold Medal, the highest civilian honor given by Congress, in a ceremony on Capitol Hill. About 200 women who served as Women Airforce Service Pilots, or WASPs, were on hand to receive the award. Now mostly in their late 80s and early 90s, some came in wheelchairs, many sported dark blue uniforms, and one, June Bent of Westboro, Mass., clutched a framed photograph of a comrade who had died.

Unlicensed dentist charged in Ore. shooting death

PORTLAND, Ore. (AP)—A Russian-speaking immigrant who police said may have been practicing dentistry without a license for years in Oregon has been charged with murder in the shooting death of a man believed to be a patient. Viktor Grigorevich Gebauer, 79, has pleaded not guilty in the death of another Russian-speaking immigrant, Viktor Merezhnikov, 47, whose body was found on a chair in what a prosecutor described as a makeshift waiting room at Gebauer's home in suburban Gresham.

Northern Marianas College
Procurement & Property Management Office
P.O. Box 501250 CK, Saipan, MP 96950 U.S.A.
Tel: (670) 234-5498 ext. 2300/01/02 Fax: (670) 235-7601
E-mail: procurement@nmcnet.edu, Website: www.nmcnet.edu

REQUEST FOR INDEPENDENT SERVICE CONTRACT

FOR

AGRICULTURE CONSULTANT
(BETELNUT AND RODENT CONTROL PROJECT)

CLOSING DATE IS APRIL 12, 2010 BY 4:30 PM

Northern Marianas College is announcing a one (1) year contract for an Agriculture Consultant for the Betel nut and Rodent Control Project. Copies of the Scope of Work may be obtained at NMC CREES Office, located in Bldg F , Monday through Friday 8:00 to 4:30 pm.

Interested vendors may submit inquiries regarding this announcement to Ross Manglona, by facsimile to (670) 234-0054, or by e-mail to rossm@nmcnet.edu. If there are no qualified vendors or the number of qualified vendors, are deemed insufficient, the closing date will be extended for two-week periods for further submission and review of submittals until the position is filled.

It is the policy of Northern Marianas College that equal opportunity is given to all qualified vendors without regard to age, race, gender, marital status, place of origin, religion, disability status, political affiliation or family relationship, or genetic information (GINA). The college reserves the right to waive or implement other means to meet its needs and the right to reject all vendors or withdraw the vacancy should NMC determine such a position is no longer needed or able to be filled. The College is an Equal Opportunity Employer.

/s/Ross S. Manglona
Director, NMC CREES

/s/ Anita Camacho
NMC Procurement Manager

Robert Tenorio Torres
Attorney at Law
Plata Drive, Whispering Palms (Chalan Kiya)
P.O. Box 503758
Saipan, MP 96950

Tel: (670) 234-7859
Fax. (670) 234-5749

Attorney for Marianas Public Land Trust

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT
FOR THE
NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS

MARIANAS PUBLIC LAND TRUST, **Plaintiff,** **vs.** **DIEGO SN DELA CRUZ and LEOLANIE R. DELA CRUZ,** **Defendants.**	**Civil Action No. 06-0331-CV** **AMENDED NOTICE OF HEARING ON MOTION FOR AN ORDER OF SALE OF MORTGAGED PROPERTY** **Date: April 15, 2010** **Time: 1:30 p.m.** **Judge: David Wiseman**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on the 15th day of April, 2010, at 1:30 p.m., a hearing will be held before the Honorable Judge David A. Wiseman on Plaintiff's Motion For an Order of Sale of Mortgaged Property in the above-styled matter, at the Superior Court for the CNMI, *Guma Hustisia*, Civic Center, Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

Dated this 24th day of February, 2010.

/s/ Clerk of Court

Robert Tenorio Torres
Attorney at Law
Plata Drive, Whispering Palms (Chalan Kiya)
P.O. Box 503758
Saipan, MP 96950

Tel: (670) 234-7859
Fax. (670) 234-5749

Attorney for Marianas Public Land Trust

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT
FOR THE
NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS

MARIANAS PUBLIC LAND TRUST, **Plaintiff,** **vs.** **WILLIAM DLG ANGUI and JESSIE A. AGUI,** **Defendants.**	**Civil Action No. 06-0590-CV** **AMENDED NOTICE OF HEARING ON MOTION FOR AN ORDER OF SALE OF MORTGAGED PROPERTY** **Date: April 15, 2010** **Time: 1:30 p.m.** **Judge: David Wiseman**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on the 15th day of April, 2010, at 1:30 p.m., a hearing will be held before the Honorable Judge David A. Wiseman on Plaintiff's Motion For an Order of Sale of Mortgaged Property in the above-styled matter, at the Superior Court for the CNMI, *Guma Hustisia,* Civic Center, Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

Dated this 24th day of February, 2010.

/s/Clerk of Court

Robert Tenorio Torres
Attorney at Law
Plata Drive, Whispering Palms (Chalan Kiya)
P.O. Box 503758
Saipan, MP 96950

Tel: (670) 234-7859
Fax. (670) 234-5749

Attorney for Marianas Public Land Trust

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT
FOR THE
NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS

MARIANAS PUBLIC LAND TRUST, **Plaintiff,** **vs.** **KYLE E.M. ULECHONG and JENNIFER N.W. ULECHONG,** **Defendants.**	**Civil Action No. 09-0407** **AMENDED SUMMONS**

TO: THE ABOVE-NAMED DEFENDANTS, KYLE E.M. ULECHONG and JENNIFER N.W. ULECHONG:

YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED TO APPEAR by the 21st day after the fourth date of publication of this AMENDED SUMMONS and defend the above entitled action in the CNMI SUPERIOR COURT, at the Office of Clerk of Court, CNMI SUPERIOR COURT, 1st Floor, Guma' Hustisia, Iimwal Aweewe, House of Justice, Susuper Village, P.O. Box 500307, Saipan MP 96950-0307; and answer the Complaint for Foreclosure by Plaintiff Marianas Public Land Trust, and serve a copy of your answer upon **Robert Tenorio Torres**, attorney for Plaintiff Marianas Public Land Trust, at **Plata Drive, Whispering Palms (Chalan Kiya), P.O. Box 503758, Saipan, MP 96950**; and in case of failure to do so, a default will be rendered against you according to the demand of the Petition, which has been filed with the Clerk of Court.

So **ORDERED** this 25th day of November, 2009.

/s/ Bernadita A. Sablan
Clerk of Court

COMMONWEALTH PORTS AUTHORITY
Main Office: SAIPAN INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT
P.O. BOX 501055 • SAIPAN • MP 96950-1055
Phone: (670) 237-6500 Fax: (670) 234-5962
E-Mail Address: cpa.admin@pticom.com • Website: www.cpa.gov.mp

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

FOOD AND BEVERAGE CONCESSION
SAIPAN INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT

The Commonwealth Ports Authority is soliciting proposals from qualified firms and individuals to operate a food and beverage concession at the Saipan International Terminal, Saipan International Airport. Interested firms and individuals are invited to submit proposals for food and beverage services to be offered to the traveling public.

Proposal packages may be obtained at the Office of the Executive Director, located at the Administrative Office of the Commonwealth Ports Authority, Saipan International Airport during regular business hours. A fee of $50.00 shall be charged for a copy of the proposal package. Checks may be payable to the Commonwealth Ports Authority.

All proposals must be received by the Authority at its administrative Office, located at the Saipan International Airport no later than **4:30 on the 19th day of March, 2010** in order to be considered. In evaluating proposals the Authority shall consider the following criteria:

1. Financial standing and capability
2. Management qualifications
3. Capital Investment
4. Proposed Design of Concession Area
5. Food and Beverage to be offered
6. Customer Services, including proposed staffing
7. Pricing of food, beverage, and services offered

The decision on proposals submitted and the award to the successful proposer shall be made within forty-five (45) days of the closing date for receipt of proposals. The Authority reserves the right to reject any and all proposals in accordance with Section 3.2 (7) and 4.1 of its Procurement Rules and Regulations.

Inquiries regarding this Request For Proposals may be addressed to the Executive Director, Commonwealth Ports Authority, P.O. Box 501055, Saipan MP 96950.

Dated This 3rd day of March, 2010.

COMMONWEALTH PORTS AUTHORITY

/s/ Edward M. DeLeon Guerrero
Executive Director

COMMONWEALTH PORTS AUTHORITY
Main Office: SAIPAN INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT
P.O. BOX 501055 • SAIPAN • MP 96950-1055
Phone: (670) 237-6500 Fax: (670) 234-5962
E-Mail Address: cpa.admin@pticom.com • Website: www.cpa.gov.mp

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

FOOD AND BEVERAGE CONCESSION
TINIAN INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT

The Commonwealth Ports Authority (CPA) is soliciting proposals from qualified firms and/or individuals to operate a food and beverage concession at the Tinian International Airport. Interested firms and/or individuals are encouraged to specify in their proposal the types of products and/or services they intend to offer to the traveling public and how to best use the space available. The area of the space available is 433 square fee, and is centrally located at the Tinian International Airport. This space is available for inspection between 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday.

Proposal packages may be obtained at the Office of the Executive Director, located at the Administrative Office of the Commonwealth Ports Authority, Saipan International Airport during regular business hours and the Office of the Tinian Ports Manager located in the Tinian International Airport. A fee of $50.00 shall be charged for a copy of the proposal package. Checks may be payable to the Commonwealth Ports Authority.

All proposals must be received by the Authority at its administrative Office, located at the Saipan International Airport no later than **4:30 on the 19th day of March, 2010** in order to be considered. In evaluating proposals the Authority shall consider the following criteria:

1. Financial standing and capability
2. Management qualifications
3. Capital Investment
4. Proposed Design of Concession Area
5. Food and Beverage to be offered
6. Customer Services, including proposed staffing
7. Pricing of food, beverage, and services offered

The decision on proposals submitted and the award to the successful proposer shall be made within forty-five (45) days of the closing date for receipt of proposals. The Authority reserves the right to reject any and all proposals in accordance with Section 3.2 (7) and 4.1 of its Procurement Rules and Regulations.

Dated This 3rd day of March, 2010.

COMMONWEALTH PORTS AUTHORITY

/s/ Edward M. DeLeon Guerrero
Executive Director

NORTHERN MARIANAS COLLEGE
Board of Regents

Special Board Meeting

Board of Regents Conference Room, NMC Saipan Campus
Monday, March 15, 2010
3:30pm

AGENDA

I. Preliminary Matters
A. Roll Call

II. Public Comments

III. Old Business
A. Personnel Matters

IV. Executive Session
(At any time during the scheduled meeting the Board of Regents may be required to enter into executive session to discuss matters deemed privileged and confidential)

V. Adjournment

/s/ Janet Han King — March 12, 2010
Chairperson, Board of Regents — Date

Commonwealth Utilities Corporation

INVITATION FOR BID
CUC-IFB-10-021

The Office of the Executive Director, Commonwealth Utilities Corporation (CUC) is soliciting sealed bids from qualified individuals or firms for the urgent supply of major overhaul and limited running parts for MITSUI #1 OVERHAUL project at Rota Power Plant CNMI.

Emergency generator sets will be used to power the island of Rota, while CUC takes down MITSUI #1 for major engine overhaul and rehabilitation. MITSUI #1 is seriously overdue for overhaul and the power situation on Rota is very critical.

A site visit and pre-bid meeting is not necessary, but bidders who wish to visit Rota power plant will be permitted with prior approval. All proposers are advised that CUC assumes no responsibility in any act of emission on part of the proposers due to a lack of information or understanding of the plant site conditions in the course of the Contractor's preparation of a bid or performance of work under the contract.

The Scope-of-Work and Bid package will be **e-mailed** upon request, to all interested bidders, by the CUC, Procurement & Supply Office, during working hours (7:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.), Monday thru Friday, except government observed holidays, **until Monday, March 29, 2010.**

One (1) original and five (5) copies must be submitted in a seal envelope marked **"IFB 10-021 MITSUI#1 OVERHAUL PARTS"** to the CUC Procurement & Supply Office, Room No. 4, 3rd Floor Joeten Dandan, P.O. Box 501220, Saipan MP 96950, no later than **Wednesday, April 07, 2010 at 10:00 AM**, local time, at which time they will be publicly opened and read aloud. Late submissions and conditional bids will not be considered.

Local Bidders (CNMI based business) will be required to submit a copy of a CNMI Business License upon notice of award of contract. Off-island Bidders (Non-CNMI based business) are excluded from the requirement of submitting a copy of a CNMI Business license upon notice of award of contract.

The contractor will also be required to comply with all CNMI and applicable Federal Laws. This bid and the ensuing contract shall be executed as per the CUC Procurement Regulations.

Selection procedure shall be in full compliance with CUC Procurement Regulations. CUC reserves the right to reject any or all bids and wave any imperfection in the bid proposal in the interest of the government. All bids shall become the property of CUC.

All inquires must be submitted in writing no later than 10:00 AM local time on **Friday, April 2, 2010** to Mr. Manuel B. Sablan, Jr., Purchasing Officer via email at msablan@cucgov.net and Mr. Wallon Young, Deputy Director Power System Rehabilitation via email at wallon59@yahoo.com.

/s/ ABE UTU MALAE
Acting Executive Director

COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS
PA/HMGP/CIP PROGRAM – OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR
Caller Box 10007, Saipan, MP 96950
Tel.: (670) 664-2375 • Fax: (670) 664-2408

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS
ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT (EA) REPORT
SANITARY LANDFILL, ROTA
RFP10-GOV-075

Governor Benigno R. Fitial and Lieutenant Governor Eloy S. Inos, through the Capital Improvement Office, (collectively, "Commonwealth") are soliciting sealed proposals from qualified consultants to provide the Environmental Assessment (EA) Report for the Rota Sanitary Landfill to be located on Rota, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

Proposal procedures shall be in full compliance with the CNMI Procurement Regulations, dated May 24, 2001, or latest revision thereof. Public Law 15-95 Local Preference Act, as amended by Public Law 15-118 does not apply to this Federally funded project. All wage rates for employees performing the work, labor and services on this project shall be paid at the current U.S. prevailing wage rates established for the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands (CNMI).

The complete Scope of Work for the EA services required will be available on Friday, March 05, 2010, at the Governor's CIP Administrator's Office, Juan A. Sablan Administration Building, Capitol Hill, Saipan CNMI. A non-refundable payment of Fifty Dollars (US $50.00) is required for each set. Payment must be made to the CNMI Treasurer and a receipt of payment must be presented when obtaining the Scope of Work at the CIP Office, Maug Drive, Capitol Hill. A non-mandatory pre-proposal meeting will be held at the Governor's Conference Room, Capitol Hill at 10:00 AM,Wednesday, March 17, 2010 (Saipan local time). Questions regarding the RFP must be submitted in writing to Mr. N. Stanley Good, CIP Project Manager, or faxed to (670) 664-2408, no later than 4 p.m., Saipan local time March 24, 2010.

Proposers must submit with their proposal a Project Approach and a Schedule of Completion, addressing the Scope of Work requirements with details of how the work will be performed and accomplished by the consultants, with the names of the responsible persons identified. Proposers shall also submit a statement of qualifications with resumes and experience for the responsible persons. The total proposal length shall not exceed thirty (30) pages in length. Note that a firm which submits a proposal as a prime consultant, cannot also submit as a subcontractor on another proposal. However, as a subcontractor, the consultant may be included in multiple proposals by different consultants.

Proposals will be evaluated and scored based on the following criteria:

1. Relevant qualification and experience of the firm, personnel and staff - 50%
   Include sufficient information to identify previous experience and the effectiveness of proposer on similar projects. List, at minimum, all similar projects conducted in the previous five (5) years. As there are a number of disciplines required in provision of this service, a specific listing of proposed sub-contractors, and their roles, is required as a part of any submittal. The relevant qualifications of these sub-contractors shall be considered in the rating

2. Ability to commit resources to the project - 25%
   As the CNMI feels this project is time dependant, a specific description of how the proposer would meet the schedule and what resources would be committed to the project is required. Proposal shall identify assigned staff, their roles and time committed to the project.

3. Suggested Approach - 25%
   The proposer shall provide a description of the proposed approach that will be used to complete the environmental assessment. Information provided should establish the proposers familirity with requirements for completion of an EA and show the method and schedule for completion of these requirements.

4. Proposed Costs to perform the EA report work - 0%

Performance time for completion of the EA design is three hundred eight (308) calendar days (44 weeks) upon issuance of a Notice to Proceed to submission of the Final Report as described in the Scope of Work document. Liquidated damages will be assessed at Two Hundred Dollars (US$250.00) for each and every working day beyond the established completion date.

Discussions shall be conducted with the top three ranked (3) firms. After a selection is made negotiations will be conducted with the highest qualified firm to determine the final fair and reasonable price of the contract for the work to be performed. The successful proposers will be subjected to a responsibility and responsiveness determination in compliance with Section 3-301 of the CNMI Procurement Regulations.

The government reserves the right to reject any or all proposals and to waive any imperfection in any proposal if, in its opinion to do so, will be in the best interests of the CNMI government. All proposals shall become the property of the CNMI government.

Proposals must be sealed and marked **"RFP10- GOV-075, Environmental Assessment Report for the Rota Sanitary Landfill"**. For proposers within the CNMI, one original and five (5) copies of the proposals must be submitted to the Director of Procurement and Supply, Lower Base, Saipan, MP, no later than 10:00 a.m. Saipan local time, April 05, 2010. Proposers located outside the CNMI may obtain an additional seven (7) working days for receipt of their proposal by submitting a Notice of Intent to Propose. Notices of Intent to Propose must be received by the Director of Procurement and Supply no later than 10:00 a.m., Saipan local time, April 05, 2010, and may be transmitted via facsimile to (670) 664-1515, or via e-mail to procurement@pticom.com. For proposers located outside the CNMI, one original and five (5) copies of the sealed proposals must be postmarked by the U.S. Postal service or the official government postal service of a foreign country no later than, April 05, 2010, and must be received by the Director of Procurement and Supply no later than April 14, 2010 (Saipan local time). Note that failure to submit the required number of copies of the proposal may be cause for rejection of a proposal.

This project is funded through grants from the United States Department of Interior, Office of Insular Affairs (OIA) . Contract award is contingent upon approval from DOI.

The Commonwealth reserves the right to reject any or all proposals and to waive any imperfections in any proposal if, in its opinion to do so would be in the best interests of the CNMI government. All proposals shall become the sole property of the CNMI government.

/s/ Eloy S. Inos, CNMI Acting Governor /s/ Herman S. Sablan, Director of Procurement & Supply

---

NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING

ZONING BOARD TO HOST VILLAGE MEETINGS

The Zoning Board and Office will hold a round of village meetings to seek comments about how the current zoning law is working, and will update and revise the current zoning law with the goal of addressing the issues and concerns expressed by the community, private sector and the legislature. The public consultation and information campaign over the next two months will continue in order to obtain feedback required to update the 2008 Saipan Zoning Law. Meeting dates and locations which have been confirmed are:

Tuesday, March 9, 2010	**6:00 PM**	**Koblerville Village @ Koblerville Youth Center**
Thursday, March 11, 2010	**6:00 PM**	**San Antonio Village @ Hopwood Junior High School Cafeteria**
Thursday, March 18, 2010	**6:00 PM**	**Chalan Kanoa & Susupe Village @ WSR Elementary School Cafeteria**
Tuesday, March 23, 2010	**6:00 PM**	**Garapan & Gualo Rai Villages @ Garapan Elementary School Cafeteria**
Thursday, March 25, 2010	**6:00 PM**	**San Jose Village @ Oleai Elementary School Cafeteria**
Tuesday, March 30, 2010	**6:00 PM**	**Tanapag Village @ Tanapag Social Hall**

The Board encourages anyone with suggestions that might improve the language of the law, or changes to the zone boundaries to attend. Comments may be submitted orally or in writing at the meeting. Written suggestions may also be submitted in writing to the Zoning Office no later than 4:30 pm, April 30, 2010 or they may be submitted via e-mail to staff@zoning.gov.mp, via US mail to Caller Box 10007, Saipan, MP 96950, or delivered to the Zoning Office, 2nd floor, Joeten Building, DanDan, Saipan.

Anyone with questions about the meetings may contact the Zoning Office by phone at 234-9661 or by e-mail at staff @zoning.gov.mp.

/s/ Herminia M. Fusco, Chairperson

Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands
State Board of Education
Public School System
P. O. Box 501370, Saipan, MP 96950

Invitation for Bid
PSS IFB 10-012

SECURITY SERVICES FOR DANDAN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

The Public School System and the State Board of Education are soliciting Competitive Sealed Bids for **One (1) Year Campus Security Services for Dandan Elementary School.**

The Scope Of Work is available beginning March 5, 2010 at the PSS Procurement & Supply Office located on the 3rd floor of the CNMI Retirement Fund Building, Capitol Hill, Saipan MP 96950. Faxed requests maybe sent to 664-3791.

Bids should be placed in a sealed envelope marked **"IFB 10-012"** containing one (1) original with three (3) copies and submitted to the PSS Procurement & Supply Office no later than **March 17, 2010 at 9:00 a.m.,** at which time, bids will be publicly opened. Any bids received after the aforementioned date and time will not be accepted under any circumstances.

Questions must be in writing and addressed to Robert Florian, Procurement & Supply Officer via fax # (670) 664-3791 or e-mailed to the following address: **robert.florian@pss.cnmi.mp.**

/s/ Rita A. Sablan, Ed.D.
Commissioner of Education

/s/ Robert Florian
Procurement & Supply Officer

World

US-Israel row highlights quandary over settlements

RAMALLAH, West Bank (AP)—An open diplomatic row during the visit of Vice President Joe Biden has shined a spotlight on the U.S. failure to rein in Israeli settlement ambitions and deepened Palestinian suspicions that the United States is too weak to broker a deal.

Biden's handshakes and embraces gave way to one of the strongest rebukes of Israel by a senior U.S. official in years after Israel's announcement during his visit that it plans to build 1,600 homes in disputed east Jerusalem. Israel apologized for the poor timing but is sticking to its plan to build the homes, enlarging one of the settlements that have impeded negotiations with Palestinians.

The vice president on Wednesday assured Palestinians the U.S. is squarely behind their bid for statehood and urged the sides to refrain from actions "that inflame tensions or prejudice the outcome of talks."

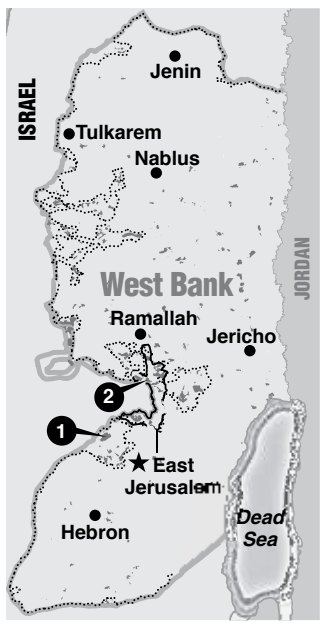
"It's incumbent on both parties to build an atmosphere of support for negotiations, and not to complicate them," Biden said, standing alongside Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas.

Israel's announcement was widely seen as a slap in the face to its all-important U.S. ally.

AP

U.S. Vice President Joseph Biden stands in front of a picture of late Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat during a meeting with Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas, not seen, in the West Bank city of Ramallah, Wednesday, March 10, 2010.

Settling up



Recent developments

1 **Monday** The Israeli Ministry of Defense announces work can resume on 112 housing units in the Beitar Illit settlement; construction had been frozen due to a 10-month moratorium on settlement construction

2 **Tuesday** Israeli Interior Ministry approves a plan for 1,600 new housing units in the East Jerusalem settlement of Ramat Shlomo

© 2010 MCT
Source: B'Tselem, News reports
Graphic: Chicago Tribune

Disaster experts praise Chile quake response

SANTIAGO, Chile (AP)—President Michelle Bachelet leaves office Thursday with a chunk of her country in ruins—and her popularity in the clouds.

Despite complaints that aid was slow to reach the hungry and homeless, experts say Chile's response to one of history's most powerful earthquakes has been a model for disaster recovery.

At first, the problems were all too obvious: Chile's navy and emergency preparedness office failed to issue a tsunami warning that might have saved hundreds of lives after the Feb. 27 quake, and Bachelet didn't order soldiers to impose order in the streets until after looting had spun out of control.

But experts say other smart moves—like insisting that foreign help meet specific needs, quickly patching up roads and having the military handle logistics—made it possible to deliver 12,000 tons of relief in just 10 days.

Church abuse scandal reaches pope's brother

VATICAN CITY (AP)—Church abuse scandals in Germany have reached the older brother of Pope Benedict XVI and are creeping ever closer to the pontiff himself.

While there has been no suggestion of wrongdoing by Benedict, the launch of an inquiry by German Catholic officials after his brother admitted he slapped children years ago is stirring Vatican fears of a major crisis for the papacy.

Benedict, 82, was archbishop of Munich from 1977 to 1982 when he was brought to the Vatican to head the body responsible for investigating abuse cases. During that time, he came under criticism for decreeing that even the most serious abuse cases must first be investigated internally.

WORLD BRIEFS

US aid group attacked in NW Pakistan; 6 dead

ISLAMABAD (AP)—Suspected militants armed with assault rifles and a homemade bomb attacked the offices of a U.S.-based Christian aid group helping earthquake survivors in northwestern Pakistan on Wednesday, killing six Pakistani employees, police and the organization said. The attack prompted World Vision, a major international humanitarian group, to suspend its operations in Pakistan. Other aid organizations condemned the violence but said it would not lead them to curtail their own activities. The assault took place in Ogi, a small town in Mansehra district that was badly hit by the 2005 Kashmir earthquake, which killed about 80,000 people and left 3 million people homeless. "It was a brutal and senseless attack," said Dean Owen, World Vision spokesman in Seattle, Washington. "It was completely unexpected, unannounced and unprovoked."

Arab League calls for ending support for talks

CAIRO (AP)—The Arab League recommended on Wednesday to withdraw its support for indirect talks between Palestinians and Israelis due to recent announcements of new settlement building in east Jerusalem. The league's peace initiative committee's decision is only a recommendation and a final decision will have to be made by the foreign ministers of the Arab nations. The March 3 decision by Arab foreign ministers to back the U.S.-sponsored indirect talks with Israel gave Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas the political cover he needed to restart peace negotiations after 14 month hiatus.

32 killed in series of road crashes in Philippines

MANILA, Philippines (AP)—Members of a wedding party, worshippers visiting Catholic churches and Korean workers were among the dead from various fatal road crashes in the past six days in the Philippines, police said. The latest accident occurred Wednesday, when a truck transporting 23 people to a relative's wedding crashed into a tree and plunged down a ravine in the southern Philippines. Nine people were killed. A day earlier, two South Korean and five Filipino workers died when their van collided with a passenger bus traveling on the opposite side of the road in northern Bataan province. On Saturday, 12 pilgrims returning from a visit to various Catholic churches died when their bus hit a tree in northern La Union province. Poor vehicle maintenance and bad roads are blamed for many accidents in the Philippines.

PROCUREMENT AND SUPPLY
CNMI GOVERNMENT
REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS
RFP: 2010-CDA-06-RFP

CLOSING DATE: Friday, March 19, 2010
TIME: 10:00 A.M.

"APPRAISAL OF CDA'S PROPERTIES"

COPIES OF THE PROPOSAL MAY BE OBTAINED AT THE COMMONWEALTH DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY OFFICE, 1ST FLOOR, WAKIN'S BLDG., GUALO RAI, SAIPAN DURING REGULAR WORKING HOURS OR BY FACSIMILE REQUEST TO 235-7147.

PREFERENCE IS AVAILABLE TO U.S. CITIZENS OR PERMANENT RESIDENTS AS PER PUBLIC LAW 15-95 AND AS FURTHER AMENDED BY PUBLIC LAW 15-118 AND MUST BE SUBMITTED WITH THE PROPOSAL IF PREFERENCE IS CLAIMED.

/s/ MANUEL A. SABLAN, Executive Director
/s/ HERMAN S. SABLAN, DIRECTOR, P&S

PROCUREMENT AND SUPPLY
CNMI GOVERNMENT
REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS
RFP10-DOC-026

CLOSING DATE: WEDNESDAY, MARCH 31, 2010 • TIME: 10:30 A.M.

"GUMA HUSTISIA AIR CONDITIONING RETROFIT"

COPIES OF THE PROPOSAL CAN BE OBTAINED AT THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE - CNMI ARRA OFFICE, 1ST FLOOR CAPITOL HILL, SAIPAN DURING REGULAR WORKING HOURS.

A MANDATORY PRE-PROPOSAL WALKTHROUGH WILL BE CONDUCTED AT THE GUMA HUSTISIA ON THURSDAY, MARCH 18TH, 2010 BEGINNING AT 9:00AM.

THIS IS AN AMERICAN RECOVERY AND REINVESTMENT ACT OF 2009 PROJECT AND AS SUCH ALL MATERIALS PURCHASED MUST BE MANUFACTURED IN THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.

THIS IS A FEDERALLY FUNDED PROJECT; AS SUCH, LOCAL PREFERENCE IS NOT AVAILABLE, BECAUSE IT IS PROHIBITED BY FEDERAL LAW.

/s/ MICHAEL ADA, Secretary of Commerce
/s/ MARTIN C. SABLAN, Acting Secretary of DPW
/s/ HERMAN S. SABLAN, Director, P&S

PROCUREMENT AND SUPPLY
CNMI GOVERNMENT
REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS
RFP10-DOC-027

CLOSING DATE: WEDNESDAY, MARCH 31, 2010 • TIME: 10:30 A.M.

"SENATE CHAMBER AIR CONDITIONING RETROFIT"

COPIES OF THE PROPOSAL CAN BE OBTAINED AT THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE - CNMI ARRA OFFICE, 1ST FLOOR CAPITOL HILL, SAIPAN DURING REGULAR WORKING HOURS.

A MANDATORY PRE-PROPOSAL WALKTHROUGH WILL BE CONDUCTED AT THE HONORABLE JESUS P. MAFNAS MEMORIAL BUILDING ON WEDNESDAY, MARCH 17TH, 2010 BEGINNING AT 1:30PM.

THIS IS AN AMERICAN RECOVERY AND REINVESTMENT ACT OF 2009 PROJECT AND AS SUCH ALL MATERIALS PURCHASED MUST BE MANUFACTURED IN THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.

THIS IS A FEDERALLY FUNDED PROJECT; AS SUCH, LOCAL PREFERENCE IS NOT AVAILABLE, BECAUSE IT IS PROHIBITED BY FEDERAL LAW.

/s/ MICHAEL ADA, Secretary of Commerce
/s/ MARTIN C. SABLAN, Acting Secretary of DPW
/s/ HERMAN S. SABLAN, Director, P&S

COMMONWEALTH PORTS AUTHORITY
Main Office: SAIPAN INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT
P.O. BOX 501055 • SAIPAN • MP 96950-1055
Phone: (670) 237-6500 Fax: (670) 234-5962
E-Mail Address: cpa.admin@pticom.com • Website: www.cpa.gov.mp

FRANCISCO C. ADA/SAIPAN INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT
MOWING, TRIMMING AND CLEANING OF PROPERTY GROUNDS
REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL

CPA-RFP-003-10

The Commonwealth Ports Authority (CPA) is soliciting sealed cost proposals for the mowing of grass, trimming of flowers and trees and cleaning of the airport grounds. The sealed cost proposals are due by 4:30 p.m., Friday, March 12, 2010 at the Office of the Executive Director, 2nd floor, Arrival Building, Saipan International Airport. Scope of work and area sketch shall be ready for pick up at the said office by Monday, February 22, 2010.

Please make arrangements with our Maintenance Department at telephone number 237-6532 for a site visit to better understand the scope of work and to identify the areas depicted on the sketch.

A mandatory pre-proposal conference will be held on Friday, February 26, 2010 at 10:00 a.m. at the CPA Conference Room located on the 2nd floor of the departure terminal.

Along with your proposal, the submission of proof of insurance, company past performance and experience, and a list of equipment are required to completely determine the company's capability to perform the work. The successful proposer shall enter into an agreement with CPA for a two-year term which is renewable thirty (30) days prior to the expiration date for another year or as determined by CPA. The renewal of agreement shall be contingent upon CPA's satisfaction of the company's performance and the availability of funding.

CPA reserves the right to reject any and all proposals if in its sole decision to do so, is in its best interest.

/s/ EDWARD M. DELEON GUERRERO
Executive Director

COMMONWEALTH PORTS AUTHORITY
Main Office: SAIPAN INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT
P.O. BOX 501055 • SAIPAN • MP 96950-1055
Phone: (670) 237-6500 Fax: (670) 234-5962
E-Mail Address: cpa.admin@pticom.com • Website: www.cpa.gov.mp

FRANCISCO C. ADA/SAIPAN INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT
PERIMETER FENCE/ROADSIDE & DITCH GRASS CUTTING
REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL

CPA-RFP-002-10

The Commonwealth Ports Authority (CPA) is soliciting sealed cost proposals for the cutting of grass inside and outside along the perimeter fence. The sealed cost proposals are due by 4:30 p.m., Friday, March 12, 2010 at the Office of the Executive Director, 2nd floor, Arrival Building, Saipan International Airport. Scope of work and the area sketch shall be available for pick up at the said office by Monday, February 22, 2010.

Please make arrangements with our Operations Supervisor at telephone number 483-6517 for a site visit to better understand the scope of work and to identify the areas depicted on the sketch.

A mandatory pre-proposal conference will be held on Friday, February 26, 2010 at 10:00 a.m. at the CPA Conference Room located on the 2nd floor of the departure terminal.

Along with your proposal, the submission of proof of insurance, company past performance and experience, and a list of equipment are required to completely determine the company's capability to perform the work. The successful proposer shall enter into an agreement with CPA for a two-year term which is renewable thirty (30) days prior to the expiration date for another year or as determined by CPA. The renewal of agreement shall be contingent upon CPA's satisfaction of the company's performance and the availability of funding.

CPA reserves the right to reject any and all proposals if in its sole decision to do so, is in its best interest.

/s/ EDWARD M. DELEON GUERRERO
Executive Director

Science & Technology

Global agency reconsiders '.xxx' for porn sites

NAIROBI, Kenya (AP)—A global Internet oversight agency is reopening discussions about whether to create a ".xxx" domain name as an online red-light district where porn sites can set up shop away from the wandering eyes of children and teenagers.

Parents would be able to use the system to help block access to porn sites, though because its use would be voluntary, the ".xxx" suffix wouldn't keep such content entirely away from minors. Religious and other anti-porn groups worry that ".xxx" would legitimize porn sites, and the proposal has already been rejected three times since 2000.

But the Internet Corporation for Assigned Names and Numbers, which oversees the allocation of Internet addresses globally, may revive ICM Registry LLC's bid yet again as ICANN meets this week in the Kenyan capital of Nairobi.

Last month, responding to complaints from ICM, an outside panel questioned ICANN's grounds for the latest rejection in 2007. As a result, board members have been weighing the matter ahead of formal consideration of the ".xxx" bid on Friday, ICANN CEO Rod Beckstrom said in an interview.

Beckstrom said he was not able to give details of those discussions for legal reasons, and he could not say when ICANN may reach a decision.

Stuart Lawley, ICM's chief executive, said he has been the victim of a process that he considered far from open and non-discriminatory.

ICM, which planned to charge $60 for a site to register a ".xxx" name, first proposed ".xxx" in 2000 as a way to help the online porn industry clean up its act. Those using the domain would have to abide by yet-to-be-written rules designed to bar such trickery as spamming and malicious scripts.

And parents could set up Internet software to automatically block any site ending in ".xxx," reducing the chances that minors and other Internet users would accidentally stumble on pornography online.

AP

In this March 22, 2007 file photo, Stuart Lawley, chief executive of ICM Registry Inc., poses for a photo in his Jupiter, Fla home, Thursday, March 22, 2007 by one of his computers.

Google to digitize old books from Rome, Florence

ROME (AP)—Google said it will scan up to 1 million old books in national libraries in Rome and Florence, including works by astronomer Galileo Galilei, in what's being described as the first deal of its kind.

Officials from Google and the Italian culture ministry said it was the first time Google Books and a culture ministry have had such a partnership.

Culture Ministry official Mario Resca says the deal will help save the books' content forever and noted that the 1966 Florence flood ruined thousands of books in the Tuscan city's library.

He said digitizing books from before 1868 will help spread Italian culture throughout the world.

Google will cover the costs of the scanning of the books, all of them out-of-copyright Italian works, including 19th-century literature and 18th-century scientific volumes.

The Italian libraries already had embarked on their own project to put their collections online, and so far digital catalogues of some 285,000 book titles and other information have been created.

Panasonic's first 3-D television set in $2,900 package

NEW YORK (AP)—Panasonic Corp. on Wednesday revealed the price for its first 3-D TV set, confirming that $3,000 is about what it takes to be among the first to watch 3-D movies in the home.

The Japanese company put its first 3-D sets on sale at an event in New York on Wednesday. Panasonic's suggested retail price is $2,900 for a 50-inch plasma set, one pair of glasses and a 3-D Blu-ray player. An extra pair of glasses costs $150.

South Korean competitor Samsung Electronics Co. announced Tuesday that its 3-D sets would go on sale this week. For $3,000, buyers get a 46-inch set, two pairs of glasses, a 3-D Blu-ray player and a 3-D copy of "Monsters vs. Aliens." There's also a 55-inch set available—it's $3,300 for the set alone.

Both manufacturers plan to expand their 3-D lines rapidly. Rivals are on their heels: LG Electronics Inc. plans to put its 3-D sets on sale in May and Sony Corp. is bringing out its 3-D sets this summer.

The sets can switch between 3-D and regular 2-D mode, which doesn't require glasses.

There's a dearth of movies on 3-D discs, but studios are rushing to put them out. On Wednesday, Twentieth Century Fox, the studio arm of News Corp., said it would make "Ice Age: Dawn of the Dinosaurs" its debut title in 3-D Blu-ray.

HELP FILE

Use care when restoring tunes from iPod to computer

By STEVE ALEXANDER
STAR TRIBUNE (MINNEAPOLIS)

QUESTION: During a recovery of my computer, I lost my iTunes library of 1,300 songs. I have been told that if I plug my iPod into my computer, the songs on the iPod will be wiped out, too. Is that true? What should I do?—Robert Duda, Brooklyn Center, Minn.

ANSWER: You're right to be concerned, but there are some steps you can take to protect the music on your iPod.

If you've set iTunes to automatically sync (synchronize) your iPod with your iTunes song collection, and your iTunes library is empty, then don't attach your iPod to the PC yet.

Why? Your iPod's music will be deleted as a result of the automatic syncing between iTunes and the iPod. This process begins almost immediately after you've connected your iPod to the PC, so you won't have time to prevent it.

If you didn't activate the automatic sync feature, and instead opted for syncing music manually, your iPod songs won't be affected when you connect the iPod to your PC.

If you're not sure which iTunes option you're using, you can check without connecting your iPod to the PC. In iTunes, go to Edit, then Preferences, and then click the Devices tab. Check the box next to "Prevent iPods and iPhones from syncing automatically."

For more details about syncing, see http://tinyurl.com/yer294a/.

Before you reload iTunes with the missing 1,300 songs, consider this: While you can import them to iTunes from CDs or a backup hard drive, it's a slow process. First check to see if the missing songs are still on your PC, even though they're absent from iTunes. (Search your hard drive for one of the song titles, and if you find it, note which file folder it's in.) If the songs are still on your PC, you can quickly import them into the iTunes music library again.

Once your library is repopulated with songs, the same syncing rules will apply: If automatic sync is enabled, every song in your iTunes library will be copied to the iPod, and every iPod song that's not in the library will be deleted. If manual sync is enabled, no songs will change on the iPod unless you add or delete them.

■ ■ ■

Q: I have an online account with a credit union. Recently, the lock symbol that indicates a secure connection is missing from my browser. Should I be concerned?—Dick Nevala, Robbinsdale, Minn.

A: Rather than look for a lock symbol, look at the Web address at the top of your browser. If it begins "https://", you've got a secure connection. If it says only "http://", the connection is not secure and you should contact your credit union before conducting any more banking business online. An unsecure connection could mean you're viewing a fake credit union page rather than the real one.

Steve Alexander covers technology for the Minneapolis Star Tribune. *Readers may write to him at Tech Q&A, 425 Portland Ave. S., Minneapolis, Minn. 55488-0002; e-mail: steve.j.alexander@gmail.com. Please include a full name, city and phone number.*

Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands
DEPARTMENT OF LABOR
Division of Labor
Second Floor Afetña Square Building, San Antonio, P.O. Box 10007, Saipan, MP 96950
Telephone no. (670) 236-0907 or 0911 Facsimile no. (670) 236-0992

PUBLIC NOTICE FOR HEARING
Friday, March 5, 2010, First Notice
Friday, March 12, 2010, Second Notice

The Employee and Employer is hereby notified to report to the Department of Labor, Administrative Hearing Office, 2nd Floor, Afetña Square Building, San Antonio, Saipan for a hearing to address the matter of the complaint. This notice will serve as a "Proof of Service of this Notice of Hearing". For information, please contact Investigator Jeffrey T. Camacho at 236-0900 ext. 275.

Employee	Employer	Case Number	Date/Time
He, Yuxiang (280722)	Md. Abu B.S. Munshi	CAC#09-008-01	03/16/2010 at 1:00PM

Failure to appear on the scheduled date may result in an Administrative Order being entered against you.

Dated this 1st day of March 2010.

/s/ Jeffrey T. Camacho
Director of Labor/Designee

Off The Wall

OFFBEAT BRIEFS

NYC chef creates breast milk cheese

NEW YORK (AP)—Breast milk cheese, anyone? A Manhattan chef has posted a recipe on his blog for what he calls "My spouse's mommy milk cheese." Daniel Angerer co-owns Klee Brasserie with his wife Lori Mason. A photo on his blog features the cheese encrusted with maple caramelized pumpkin and Concord grapes. They had an overabundance of milk for their newborn, Arabella Caroline. When their small freezer ran out of space, Angerer decided to experiment.

Calif. boy who called 911 thanks dispatcher

NORWALK, Calif. (AP)—A 7-year-old boy who called 911 while armed robbers threatened his parents hugged and delivered a high five to the dispatcher who took his call. The boy, identified only as Carlos, told reporters Wednesday he remained calm during the ordeal because his mother used to make him practice dialing 911 in case of emergencies. The assailants invaded Carlos' home and held his parents at gunpoint Tuesday while he and his 6-year-old sister hid in a locked bathroom. He begged the dispatcher to "bring cops. A lot of them!... And bring soldiers, too." The assailants left without stealing anything once they realized the boy had called 911.

Police: Calif. robber holds up 11 people, gets $6

THERMAL, Calif. (AP)—They say crime doesn't pay. For one robber in California, it did—but not much. Authorities in Riverside County say a woman with a gun robbed 11 customers at a market and got away with $6. A Sheriff's Department statement says the woman was armed with a semi-automatic pistol when she went to La Chicanita Market in the town of Thermal on Tuesday afternoon. Deputy Herlinda Valenzuela says the woman confronted 10 customers in the store and also demanded money from one person who was entering the market. She then fled in an old car. Nobody was hurt.

Last Viewing

Beatrice Borja Peredo Troup

Familian Dasu

June 23, 1959—March 6, 2010

Will be held at the CHC Chapel on Saturday, March 13, 2010 from 10:00am to 11:30am. Afterwards the body will be sent to Guam for cremation.

A memorial Service to celebrate her life will be held at a later date.

Thank you and Si Yu'us Ma'ase.

Mike Troup and Family

Message of Appreciation

We the wife and children of

Fernando (Bernard) Antonio

would like to extend our most heartfelt appreciation to our relatives and friends who surrounded us with your love, prayers, kindness and support. Your thoughtful gestures and kind words have consoled our hearts beyond our expectation in such difficult times. Your presence at the daily masses, nightly rosaries and most especially at the mass of Christian Burial was very comforting.

We will always remember you in our hearts and prayers

"May God Bless You All"

Thank you very much from the bottom of our Hearts.

Kom Kmal Mesulang & Si Yu'us Ma'ase

Victoria Antonio, and Children, and grand kids

Death and Funeral Announcement

Dolores Deleon Guerrero Aldan Cabrera

also known as: Loli/Ling

September 17, 1948-March 08, 2010

Her memory will live forever in the hearts of her:

Children /Reared Children/ Spouses and their families:
Lucy Matagolai/Wayne Techur & Children, Rodney /Yvonne Camacho & Children, Allan Cabrera/Shirley Ada & Children, Lawrence Aldan/Esco Kileleman, John/Akiko Aldan & Children, Kenneth Aldan/Christine Camacho & Children.

Special Friend: Jinghoy (Jimmy) Ayapana

Brothers, Sisters, & In-law: Antonio/ Engracia V. Aldan & Children, Heminia /Richard Mullican & Children, Antonia/Larry Presto & Children, Maria/James Brown & Children, Connie Aldan & Children, Ramon/Keslina Aldan & Children, Felipe Connie Aldan & Children, Vicente Aldan/Susan Laxamana.

In her new life, she now joins her:

Parents: †Felipe Castro Aldan & †Rosalia Deleon Guerrero Aldan
Husband: †Santiago R. Cabrera

Daily Mass is being offered at San Vicente Church at 6:00 p.m. followed by Rosary at 6:30 p.m.

On Tuesday, March 16, 2010, her remains will be escorted from Nuestra Señora dela Paz to Mt. Carmel Cathedral at 7:30 a.m. for viewing and last respects. **Mass of Christian Burial** will be celebrated at 10:00 a.m. Interment follows at Mt. Carmel Cemetery.

PLEASE JOIN US IN PRAYERS
THE FAMILY

Life & Style

Corey Haim prolonged tragic Hollywood tradition

LOS ANGELES (AP)—Corey Haim's story is sadly familiar in Hollywood: A teen talent who discovered drugs as he tasted his first success and whose personal problems increased as his star-power faded.

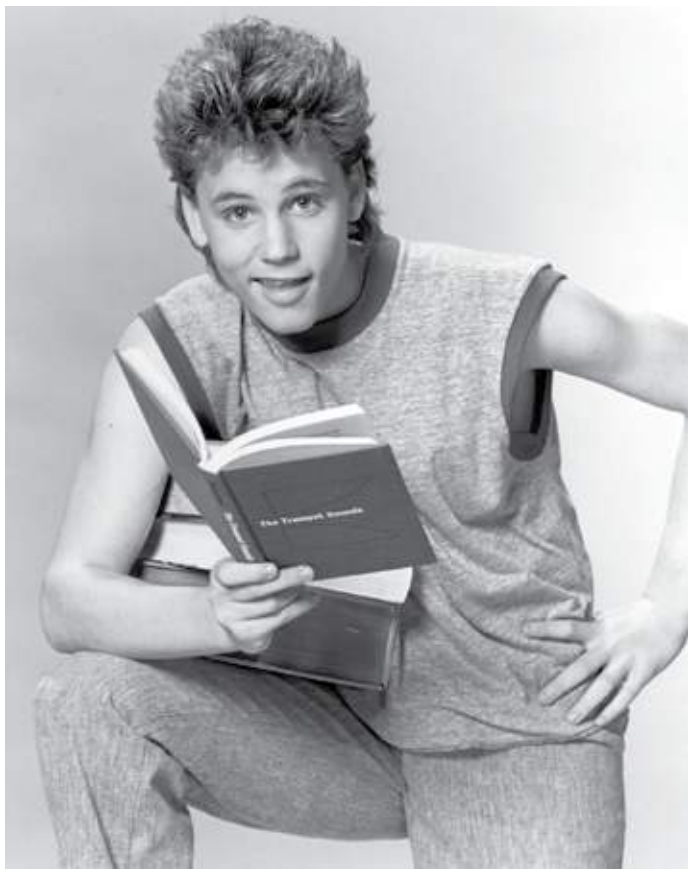
Haim died Wednesday at 38, another chapter in Hollywood's tragic history of careers ravaged by drugs.

Brittany Murphy's career was rebounding when she died at 31 in December from pneumonia and prescription drugs.

River Phoenix was 16 when he starred in "Stand By Me" and 23 when he died of a drug overdose outside a Hollywood nightclub.

Haim died at Providence St. Joseph Medical Center in Burbank, His mother called paramedics after he collapsed while getting out of bed at his apartment.

Haim started working in TV commercials at 10 and was a big-screen heartthrob at 15. The star of 1987's "The Lost Boys" discovered drugs while making that movie.



AP

In this 1987 file publicity photo provided by NBC, actor Corey Haim, then star of the NBC comedy "Roomies," is shown.

"I was working on 'Lost Boys' when I smoked my first joint," he told the British tabloid The Sun in 1994. "I did cocaine for about a year and a half, then it led to crack."

Haim said he went into rehab and was put on prescription drugs. In 2007, he told ABC's "Nightline" that drugs hurt his career.

"I wasn't functional enough to work for anybody, even myself," he said. "I wasn't working."

Haim had returned to the spotlight in recent years, appearing in the A&E reality TV show "The Two Coreys" with "Lost Boys" co-star Corey Feldman. The show was canceled in 2008 after two seasons. Feldman later said Haim's drug abuse strained their working and personal relationships.

Haim was ill with flulike symptoms before his death, and police said he was taking over-the-counter and prescription medications.

An autopsy will determine his cause of death. There was no evidence of foul play.

"He could have succumbed to whatever (illness) he had or it could have been drugs," police Sgt. William Mann said. "He has had a drug problem in the past."

Feldman said he wept when he learned Haim had died.

"This is a tragic loss of a wonderful, beautiful, tormented soul, who will always be my brother, family, and best friend," Feldman said in a statement.

Troy Searer, an executive producer of "The Two Coreys," said Haim's "heart and his potential were only outmatched by his demons."

Dr. Drew Pinsky, an addiction-medicine specialist and star of VH1's drug-treatment reality programs "Celebrity Rehab" and "Sober House," said the lure of Hollywood attracts many potential addicts.

"There's a higher incidence of addiction among celebrities," he said. "It's not the Hollywoodness. It's the fact that addicts show up in Hollywood and addicts are likely to die."

Pinsky added: "Young Hollywood only reflects what's going on in the culture at large."

'Big Mike' draws tears, cheers on 'American Idol'

LOS ANGELES (AP)—Michael "Big Mike" Lynche made Kara DioGuardi cry and turned the rest of the "American Idol" judges giddy with a moving performance of "This Woman's Work."

Lynche, a mountain of a guy who lives up to his nickname, performed last among the eight male semifinalists Wednesday and emerged as the star of the Fox TV show.

"You come out with an incredibly difficult song to sing, and you 100 percent nailed it," said Simon Cowell. "Not just the best performance of the night, it was the best performance of all these live shows so far."

The eight female semifinalists performed Tuesday, with the top six vote-getters from the men's and women's groups to be announced Thursday.

Lynche, 26, of Astoria, N.Y., moved impressively from a quiet falsetto start to a booming finale, but it was as much the story behind the song as his range that touched DioGuardi. Lynche's wife had a baby girl while he was in Los Angeles making the cut for "Idol."

"It's amazing. You were amazing," DioGuardi said. "It's your life right now, it's your respect for your wife, what you've gone through. ... It brought me to tears."

The other contestants, who may have been glad they didn't have to follow Lynche, picked up a mixture of praise and criticism.

Andrew Garcia, 24, Moreno Valley, Calif., had the roughest night, with his performance of "Genie in a Bottle" deemed pitchy by Jackson and dismissed by Cowell as "a little bit desperate."

Conan's lone Twitter followee: 'It's totally nuts'

AP

Sarah Killen poses with her new computer in Conway Township, Mich. on Wednesday, March 10, 2010 Last week, Killen had three Twitter followers. In early March 2010, she had three Twitter followers.

CONWAY TOWNSHIP, Mich. (AP)—Last week, Sarah Killen had three Twitter followers.

This week, she has 20,000—as well as a new iMac computer and offers to help pay for a dress and drinks for her wedding.

The unsuspecting rural Michigan woman has one out-of-work late-night talk show host to thank for her newfound online popularity—Conan O'Brien.

O'Brien decided last week to pick Killen as the only person he would follow on Twitter, turning the 19-year-old's life upside down.

The deposed "Tonight Show" star whose exit deal with NBC barred him from TV appearances for several months, has taken to Twitter to reach the masses during his exile and has amassed more than a half-million followers.

But up until Friday, O'Brien had steadily increased his number of Twitter devotees without following the feeds of anybody else.

Enter Killen, who is finishing up her high school requirements, preparing to make the jump to college and getting married in September.

"I've decided to follow someone at random," O'Brien's posting read at 3:55 p.m. on Friday. "She likes peanut butter and gummy dinosaurs. Sarah Killen, your life is about to change."

Boy, did it ever.

Immediately after O'Brien started following her, Killen—whose Twitter handle is "LovelyButton"—picked up followers at a rate of 150 per minute.

Then came the calls: Family, friends (actual and long-lost) and interview requests from Web sites, TV shows and radio stations.

HOLLYWOOD THEATERS

Don't just go to the movies, GO HOLLYWOOD!

Located near Price Costco in San Jose Saipan MP • 234-9000

POWER 99 FM SAIPAN, CNMI

$5.50 Bargain Matinees - All Shows Before 6PM
$5.50 All Day Admission For Seniors
$4.50 All Day Admission For Kids (ages 3-11)
$5.50 Student Admission with Valid I.D.
$5.50 Military with Valid I.D.

TUESDAY BARGAIN $5.50 ALL SHOWS ALL DAY/NIGHT (EXCLUDING HOLIDAYS AND RESTRICTED FEATURES)

RESERVE TICKETS ONLINE AT www.gohollywood.com

dts DOLBY DIGITAL STADIUM SEATING WITH HIGH-BACK LOVESEATS

For Friday, March 12th through Thursday, March 18th
OPEN SEVEN DAYS A WEEK

NOW SHOWING

Remember Me
Friday 4:00 7:00 10:00
Saturday 1:00 4:00 7:00 10:00
Sunday 1:00 4:00 7:00
Mon thru Thurs 4:00 7:00
Robert Pattinson, Emilie de Ravin
Drama • Rated PG 13

Synopsis
In the romantic drama Remember Me, Robert Pattinson plays Tyler, a rebellious young man in New York City who has a strained relationship with his father (Pierce Brosnan) ever since tragedy separated their family. Tyler didn't think anyone could possibly understand what he was going through until the day he met Ally (Emilie de Ravin) through an unusual twist of fate. Love was the last thing on his mind, but as her spirit unexpectedly heals and inspires him, he begins to fall for her. Through their love, he begins to find happiness and meaning in his life.

The Green Zone
Friday 4:30 7:25 9:50
Saturday 1:10 4:30 7:25 9:50
Sunday 1:10 4:30 7:25
Mon thru Thurs 4:30 7:25
Matt Damon, Greg Kinnear
Drama • Rated R

Synopsis
United 93 director Paul Greengrass explores the aftermath of the Iraq invasion in this feature adaptation of author Rajiv Chandrasekaran's literary exposé of the same name. A one-time Baghdad bureau chief of the Washington Post, Chandrasekaran was present as American forces attempted to set up a provisional government on the grounds surrounding former Iraqi dictator Saddam Hussein's opulent palace. The resulting governing body, according to critics, existed in a bubble so far removed from the grim realities of the Iraq War that it failed to properly assess the needs of the people.

She's Out Of My League
Friday 4:20 7:10 9:40
Saturday 1:30 4:20 7:10 9:40
Sunday 1:30 4:20 7:10
Mon thru Thurs 4:20 7:10
Jay Baruchel, Alice Eve
Comedy • Rated R

Paano Na Kaya
Friday 4:10 7:30 9:35
Saturday 1:20 4:10 7:30 9:35
Sunday 1:20 4:10 7:30
Mon thru Thurs 4:10 7:30
Kim Chiu, Gerald Anderson
Romance • Rated NR

Alice in Wonderland
Friday 4:15 7:15 9:30
Saturday 1:15 4:15 7:15 9:30
Sunday 1:15 4:15 7:15
Mon thru Thurs 4:15 7:15
Johnny Depp, Anne Hathaway
Fantasy • Rated PG

Dear John
Friday 4:05 7:05 9:55
Saturday 1:05 4:05 7:05 9:55
Sunday 1:05 4:05 7:05
Mon thru Thurs 4:05 7:05
Channing Tatum, Amanda Seyfried
Drama • Rated PG 13

Shutter Island
Friday 9:45
Saturday 9:45
Sunday
Mon thru Thurs
Leonardo DiCaprio, Mark Ruffalo
Thriller • Rated R

Cop Out
Friday 4:25 7:20
Saturday 1:25 4:25 7:20
Sunday 1:25 4:25 7:20
Mon thru Thurs 4:25 7:20
Bruce Willis, Tracy Morgan
Comedy • Rated R

● NO PASSES ■ NO PASSES OR SUPER SAVERS
GIFT CERTIFICATES AVAILABLE • R-RATED FILMS REQUIRE PHOTO I.D.
www.gohollywood.com

Witherspoon: First lady is DC's top fashionista

WASHINGTON (AP)—Actress Reese Witherspoon says her "Legally Blonde" character Elle Woods has been ousted as the most stylish woman to come to the nation's capital by first lady Michelle Obama.

Speaking Wednesday at a ceremony where Mrs. Obama and Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton presented the annual International Women of Courage awards, Witherspoon jokingly complained that Woods, the bubbly blonde from Los Angeles who discovers her inner strength at Harvard Law School and then takes on Washington politics, no longer held that title.

"As an actress, I have always sought out roles that portrayed women as strong and powerful, such as Elle Woods, who was in the 'Legally Blonde' movies," she said to laughter from the audience in an ornate State Department reception room.

Woods, she said, "happened to be the biggest fashionista who ever came to Washington until Michelle Obama. Thanks a lot."

Actress Reese Witherspoon, Avon global ambassador, speaks at the International Women of Courage Awards Ceremony at the State Department in Washington, Wednesday, March 10, 2010. AP

Clinton then introduced Mrs. Obama as "stylish," and the first lady returned the compliment to the entire crowd, saying: "You all look fabulous."

Witherspoon was at the ceremony as a global ambassador for the Avon Foundation, which supports breast cancer research, anti-domestic violence programs and women's empowerment projects. On Wednesday the group announced a $500,000 contribution to the State Department's Fund for Global Women's Leadership

Charlie Sheen due back on 'Two and a Half Men'

LOS ANGELES (AP)—A spokesman for Charlie Sheen says the actor will soon be back at "Two and a Half Men" after undergoing rehab that temporarily halted production of CBS' top-rated sitcom.

Publicist Stan Rosenfield says Sheen will be returning to work and shooting will resume next Tuesday in Los Angeles.

Last month, Rosenfield announced that Sheen had voluntarily entered a rehab facility "as a preventative measure." He didn't specify why Sheen was seeking treatment.

The 44-year-old actor still faces legal problems arising from a fight with his wife in Aspen, Colo., in December. The most serious charge carries a maximum three-year prison term.

Sheen hasn't entered a plea. He is due back in court Monday.

'Anna Nicole' opera to premiere next February

LONDON (AP)—The world premiere of Mark-Anthony Turnage's "Anna Nicole" will be presented by the Royal Opera next Feb. 17, starring Dutch soprano Eva-Maria Westbroek as the late model and Playboy playmate.

Covent Garden Music Director Antonio Pappano will conduct and Richard Jones will direct, the company announced Wednesday.

Turnage is the composer of "Greek" and the West End show "Jerry Springer: The Opera." The libretto is by Richard Thomas.

Smith died of an accidental drug overdose in 2007. She was 39.

She was Playboy's Playmate of the Year in 1993. She married 89-year-old J. Howard Marshall II the following year. After his death in 1995, she fought a protracted legal battle with his son over his estimated $500 million fortune.

Smith died five months after the death of her 20-year-old son from her first marriage. Daniel Smith died of an accidental overdose in the Bahamas hospital room where his mother had days earlier given birth to a daughter.

The company also said the world premiere of Judith Weir's "Miss Fortune," a co-commission with the Bregenz Festival, will take place in Bregenz on July 21, 2011. The production will open the Covent Garden in March 2012 as part of the build-up to the London Olympics that summer. The opera is based on a Sicilian folk talk about a woman whose wealthy family has hard times.

Osmonds return to stage after death of Marie's son

LAS VEGAS (AP)—Marie Osmond told a Las Vegas Strip audience as she returned to the stage less than two weeks after her son's apparent suicide that she has relied on her spirituality to cope with his death

"Little did I know I would be relying on my faith, especially as much as I did this past week," Osmond said before dedicating a song to her 18-year-old son, Michael Bryan, whom she called "my angel."

Wrapped in a robe with white feathers that resembled an angel's wings, Osmond genuflected and reached out her right hand as she sang the song amid a starry backdrop.

"How she got through that I will never know," her brother Donny Osmond said after his sister's solo performance.

"I hope you all appreciate what she's going through tonight," he said. "She's a strong woman."

The Osmonds' teary return to the Flamingo Las Vegas on Tuesday night came one day after funeral services for Bryan in Provo, Utah.

Donny Osmond described his sister as strong for simply showing up.

"I just think that we need to give a big round of applause to my sister for even coming onstage tonight," Donny Osmond said after the siblings' opening number.

"Don't do that—I'm going to have to leave," Marie Osmond quipped as the crowd roared in support.

SHOWBIZ TIDBITS

Israeli novel, Russian poem collection win prizes

NEW YORK (AP)—An Israeli novel and a collection of Russian poetry have won prizes for best English-language translation. Gail Hareven's novel "The Confessions of Noa Weber" won the Best Translated Book Award for fiction. It was written in Hebrew and translated by Dalya Bilu for Melville House Press. The poetry prize went to Elena Fanailova's "The Russian Version." It was translated by Genya Turovskaya and Stephanie Sandler and published by Ugly Duckling Presse. The awards were founded three years ago by Three Percent, a resource for translated works that is based at the University of Rochester. They have no cash prize.

Seinfeld set as guest co-host Thursday on 'Live!'

NEW YORK (AP)—You don't see much of Jerry Seinfeld on his own new NBC show, "The Marriage Ref," which he lets someone else host. But the 55-year-old comedian and former red-hot sitcom star will be on view for a full hour Thursday on "Live! with Regis and Kelly." The syndicated weekday talk show says Seinfeld is making his first appearance as a guest co-host, alongside Kelly Ripa. Scheduled guests include Donald Trump.

3-D boosts box office worldwide to record $30B

LOS ANGELES (AP) — The appeal of 3-D movies helped boost movie ticket sales by nearly 8 percent to a record $29.9 billion worldwide in 2009, according to the Motion Picture Association of America. The jump, from $27.8 billion a year earlier, was driven by a rise in ticket prices and the first increase in attendance in the U.S. and Canada in two years, the MPAA said. On top of that, theaters worldwide benefited from the popularity of 3-D movies, as they brought in more movie-goers, who buy tickets that cost more than regular screenings. "Whenever screens are converted or built in 3-D the public seems to be embracing it," said Bob Pisano, the MPAA's president. There were 20 movies released in 3-D last year, including the blockbuster "Avatar" and animated "Up." That's an increase from eight in 2008. The number of 3-D screens in the U.S. and Canada, meanwhile, more than doubled to 3,548 from 1,514.

Co-worker wants her cake—and some for her family, too

By ABIGAIL VAN BUREN
UNIVERSAL PRESS SYNDICATE

Dear Abby

DEAR ABBY: I work in an office where folks sometimes bring in birthday cakes, desserts and other goodies to share. "Dolores" is always the first in line, and helps herself to a large portion of the treats and says she's taking some home for her family.

Last week, someone brought in an exotic dessert and I got out the dessert-sized paper plates. Dolores took out two regular-sized paper plates and cut off a quarter of the entire dessert! No one could believe it, but we didn't know what to say or do. One time, she actually cut a huge portion of someone's birthday cake to take home before the "birthday boy" even got a slice. This woman is not poor. What do you recommend?

"DESSERTED" IN TENNESSEE

DEAR "DESSERTED": Your co-worker is behaving the way she is because no one in your office has spoken up and objected. The next time someone brings something to be shared by the office staff and Dolores makes her usual move, the "bringer" should tell her plainly that she's not to take more than a portion for herself until everyone else has had some—and to ask permission beforehand if she wants to take any of the remainder home.

■ ■ ■

DEAR ABBY: My son's birthday is coming soon. I want to invite his Scout troop and some of his schoolmates. The problem is "Matt." Matt is a horrible child who is in both Scouts and school. I know he'll destroy the party, but how can I invite everyone else and not him? His parents are lazy and overindulgent and can't seem to make him understand that there are rules of conduct.

PERPLEXED MOM IN THE WOODLANDS, TEXAS

DEAR PERPLEXED: Do not invite all but one child to your son's party. If Matt acts up, take him aside and tell him exactly what you expect from him while he is with you -- and that if he can't behave appropriately he will be sent home. You may be surprised to find that when he hears it from you—rather than from his ineffectual parents—that he will listen and comply.

■ ■ ■

DEAR ABBY: When I take my children to the pediatrician, we are usually there for one reason—flu-like symptoms, stomachache, etc. Sometimes my child will happen to have another ailment, like a sore ankle or a fever blister.

I don't feel comfortable bringing up additional issues with our doctor because when I do, I get the "evil eye" from him—like he's only there to help with the one reason for our visit.

Is it appropriate to talk to the doctor about several medical problems in one visit, or only stick to the issue at hand?

IN A QUANDARY, KETTERING, OHIO

DEAR IN A QUANDARY: If you are asked by the person who takes the appointment why you're bringing your child in, and you reply that your child has flu-like symptoms or a stomachache, the person will block you in for a certain amount of time with the doctor. If, after your child has been examined, you start talking about the sore ankle, the fever blister, etc., what you're interpreting as the "evil eye" may be stress because the necessary amount of time was not allotted and the doctor will be behind schedule for the rest of the day.

If, however, you feel the doctor is insensitive or not meeting your child's needs, then you should change doctors.

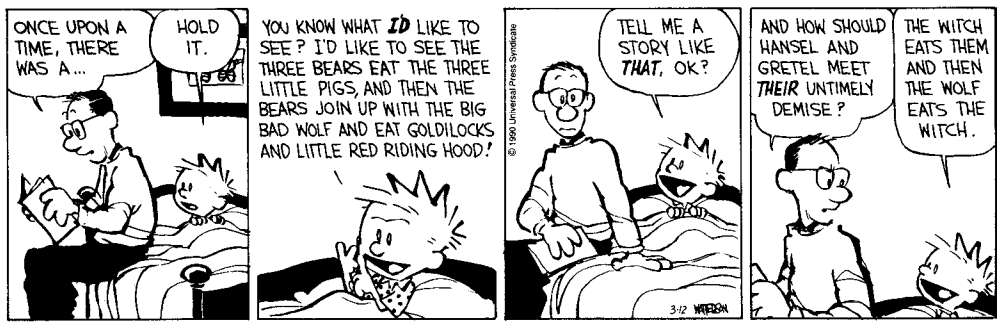
Dear Abby is written by Abigail Van Buren, also known as Jeanne Phillips, and was founded by her mother, Pauline Phillips. Write Dear Abby at www.DearAbby.com or P.O. Box 69440, Los Angeles, CA 90069.

Abby shares more than 100 of her favorite recipes in two booklets: "Abby's Favorite Recipes" and "More Favorite Recipes by Dear Abby." Send a business-size, self-addressed envelope, plus check or money order for $12 (U.S. funds) to: Dear Abby – Cookbooklet Set, P.O. Box 447, Mount Morris, IL 61054-0447. (Postage is included in price.)

Pastimes

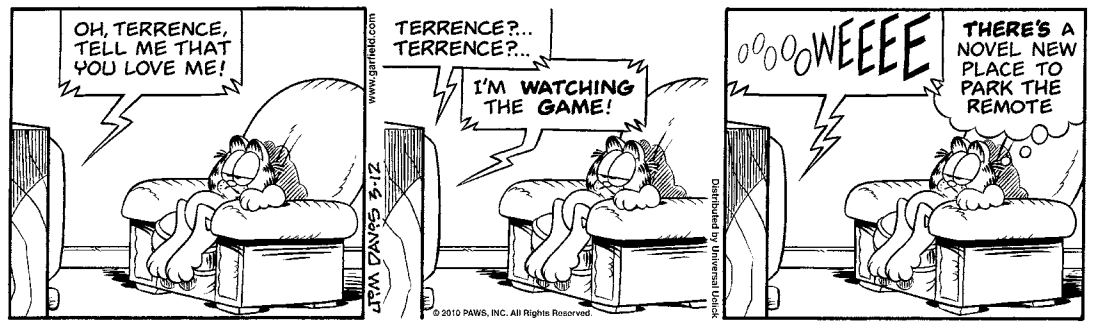
Calvin and Hobbes

By Bill Waterson


ONCE UPON A TIME, THERE WAS A...
HOLD IT.
YOU KNOW WHAT ID LIKE TO SEE? I'D LIKE TO SEE THE THREE BEARS EAT THE THREE LITTLE PIGS, AND THEN THE BEARS JOIN UP WITH THE BIG BAD WOLF AND EAT GOLDILOCKS AND LITTLE RED RIDING HOOD!
© 1990 Universal Press Syndicate
TELL ME A STORY LIKE THAT, OK?
3-12 WATTERSON
AND HOW SHOULD HANSEL AND GRETEL MEET THEIR UNTIMELY DEMISE?
THE WITCH EATS THEM AND THEN THE WOLF EATS THE WITCH.

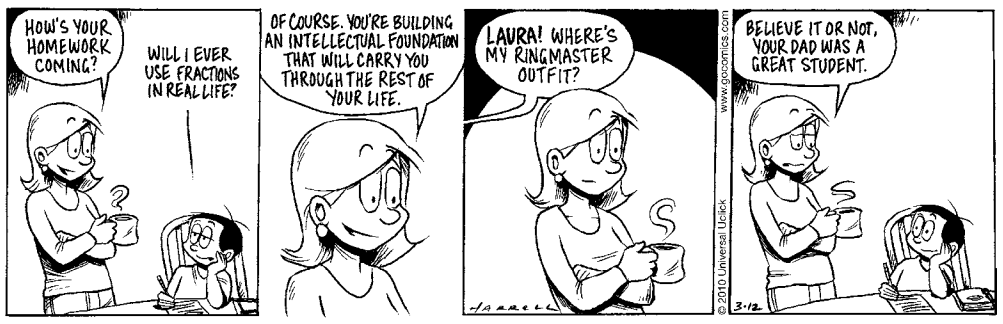
Garfield®

By Jim Davis


OH, TERRENCE, TELL ME THAT YOU LOVE ME!
3-12 DAVIS WALT
www.garfield.com
TERRENCE?... TERRENCE?...
I'M WATCHING THE GAME!
© 2010 PAWS, INC. All Rights Reserved.
OOOOWEEEE
THERE'S A NOVEL NEW PLACE TO PARK THE REMOTE
Distributed by Universal Uclick

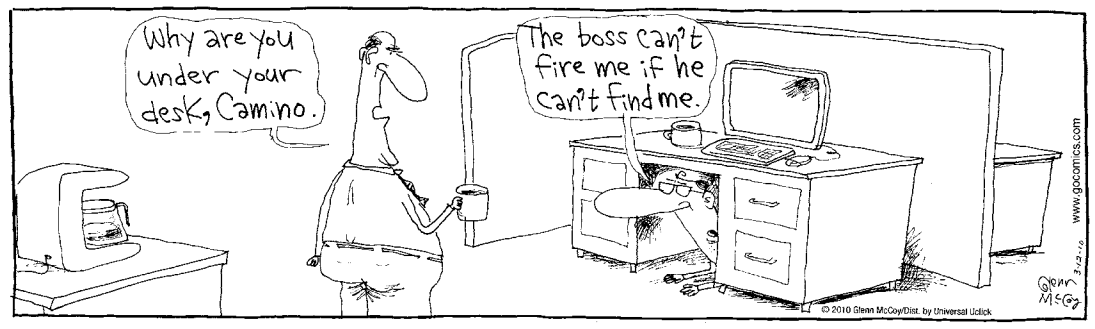
Adam@home

By Bryan Basset


HOW'S YOUR HOMEWORK COMING?
WILL I EVER USE FRACTIONS IN REAL LIFE?
OF COURSE. YOU'RE BUILDING AN INTELLECTUAL FOUNDATION THAT WILL CARRY YOU THROUGH THE REST OF YOUR LIFE.
LAURA! WHERE'S MY RINGMASTER OUTFIT?
www.gocomics.com
©2010 Universal Uclick
BELIEVE IT OR NOT, YOUR DAD WAS A GREAT STUDENT.
3-12

The Duplex

By Glenn McCoy


Why are you under your desk, Camino.
The boss can't fire me if he can't find me.
www.gocomics.com
© 2010 Glenn McCoy/Dist. by Universal Uclick

CROSSWORD

By Eugene Sheffer

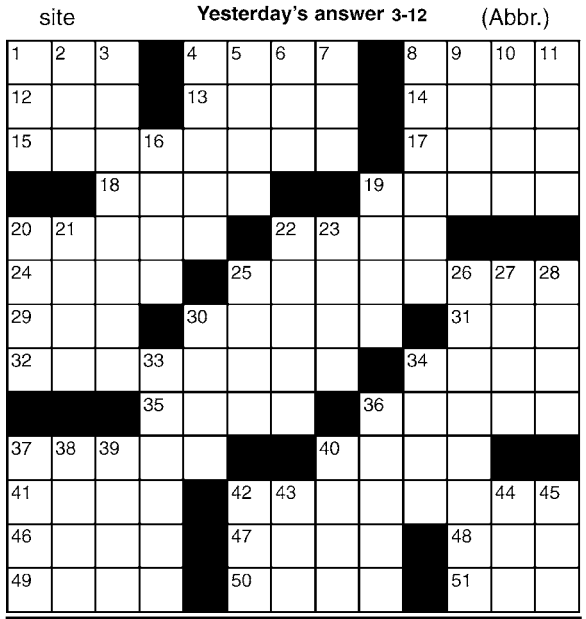
ACROSS
1 Sheepish remark?
4 Expansive
8 Cabbie
12 Every last bit
13 Medley
14 Christmas
15 First State
17 Implore
18 Divorcees
19 Tatar leaders
20 Summoned by beeper
22 Femur or fibula
24 Commotions
25 Suave
29 Apiece
30 Reform Party founder
31 Old French coin
32 Unspecified location
34 Heart of the matter
35 Uncomplicated
36 Sacrifice site
37 Halloween option
40 From square one
41 Authentic
42 Boo-Boo's mentor
46 "Meet Me — Louis"
47 Stork's cousin
48 Regret
49 Closet invader
50 Yearn
51 Young salamander

DOWN
1 Terrible
2 Brewery product
3 Symbolic story
4 Swore
5 "Sad to say, ..."
6 Round Table address
7 Pirouette pivot
8 It's handy if you have to break your word
9 Emanation
10 Family
11 Alicia of R&B
16 Lumberjacks' needs
19 Entanglement
20 Hemingway sobriquet
21 Mideast gulf
22 Chuck or Halle
23 Bassoon relative
25 Rick of radio
26 So to speak
27 Tittle
28 Rhine feeder
30 Excellent, in modern slang
33 Affluence
34 Commoner, in old Rome
36 Biscotti flavoring
37 Decorate
38 Nevada city
39 Right on the map?
40 Not "fer"
42 Shrill bark
43 Kimono closer
44 "— Wiedersehen"
45 Emeritus (Abbr.)

Solution time: 25 mins.

S	E	N	D	■	S	I	S	■	C	A	G	E
A	P	E	R	■	C	O	O	■	B	R	O	S
C	I	A	O	■	A	N	Y	■	S	C	O	T
S	C	R	O	L	L	■	B	A	T	H	■	■
■	■	■	L	I	P	S	E	R	V	I	C	E
C	O	D	E	D	■	H	A	M	■	V	O	W
A	R	I	D	■	D	I	N	■	B	E	N	E
P	E	N	■	R	E	V	■	P	O	S	E	R
T	O	O	T	H	F	A	I	R	Y	■	■	■
■	■	S	H	O	E	■	L	Y	C	E	U	M
S	P	A	R	■	A	L	I	■	O	R	S	O
T	R	U	E	■	T	E	A	■	T	I	E	R
Y	O	R	E	■	S	A	D	■	T	E	R	N

Yesterday's answer 3-12



STUMPED? For answers to today's crossword, call **1-900-226-5955**! 99¢ per minute, touch-tone/rotary phones. (18+ only.) A King Features service, NYC.

CELEBRITIES BORN ON THIS DAY: Darryl Strawberry, 48; Courtney B. Vance, 50; James Taylor, 62; Liza Minnelli, 64

Happy Birthday: Deal with any problems from the last couple of years. Learn from your mistakes. This is a time of intellectual and spiritual growth. Being open to suggestions and working in unison with people who are trying to achieve similar results will enable you to take shortcuts. Your numbers are 2, 12, 15, 21, 27, 38, 46

ARIES (*March 21-April 19*): Working with a group to come up with community reforms will enhance your reputation and position you for bigger and better opportunities. Set aside time for entertainment or for the one you love. ✪✪✪✪

TAURUS (*April 20-May 20*): Question your motives and any plans you intend to implement. You may be setting yourself up for disappointment. Good judgment will be necessary if you want things to work out. Strive for harmony and balance. ✪✪

GEMINI (*May 21-June 20*): You will make a far better impression if you are responsible and cost effective in your pursuits. Offering to help others may get you into a difficult position. Don't let anyone take you for granted. ✪✪✪

CANCER (*June 21-July 22*): Take an unusual approach to any changes you want to implement at home or at work and you will attract positive attention. Alterations to your current status will lead to an entertaining evening. Plan to celebrate with the people you enjoy. ✪✪✪

LEO (*July 23-Aug. 22*): Honesty will be your best course of action when dealing with others. A short trip to an unusual destination will bring about some interesting thoughts and opportunities regarding work and where you reside. A passionate approach will bring the best results. ✪✪✪

VIRGO (*Aug. 23-Sept. 22*): Do things a little differently and you will surprise the people you are dealing with. A contract or deal will bring about a change of plans. Don't be afraid to let whoever you are dealing with know what you want and need. ✪✪✪

LIBRA (*Sept. 23-Oct. 22*): Plan to do something unusual with friends or people who can help you get ahead professionally. An interesting new look will result in compliments and will attract the attention of someone who can change your life and the way you do things. ✪✪✪✪✪

SCORPIO (*Oct. 23-Nov. 21*): Your emotions will lead you astray. An unusual but rational approach to whatever you do will be required. You need to make some personal changes that will enable you to broaden your appeal creatively and personally. ✪✪

SAGITTARIUS (*Nov. 22-Dec. 21*): You will have difficulty following through with your plans. Expect disruptions, delays and last-minute changes. A change in the way you feel about someone can lead to a breakup. You will gravitate to someone more compatible and less restrictive. ✪✪✪✪

CAPRICORN (*Dec. 22-Jan. 19*): Fair play will be your concern. You will want to connect with people who have something to offer in return. You will realize that someone from your past may have had the qualities that best suit your lifestyle now. Don't be afraid to take a different approach. ✪✪✪

EUGENIA LAST

THE LAST WORD IN ASTROLOGY

COPYRIGHT 2007 UNIVERSAL PRESS SYNDICATE

AQUARIUS (*Jan. 20-Feb. 18*): Using emotional tactics to get your way will not turn out the way you planned. Positive, honest communication will be a must if you want to win the respect of others and the assistance you need to move forward. Let a romantic relationship unfold naturally. ✪✪✪

PISCES (*Feb. 19-March 20*): Don't try to hide your feelings; it's better to get things out in the open. You will have a tendency to think things are worse than they really are. Flush out the truth before you make a decision. Someone you work with may interest you personally. ✪✪✪

Birthday Baby: You are inquisitive, innovative and outspoken. You have insight and a vivid imagination.

Eugenia's Web sites: ***eugenialast.com*** *for confidential consultations,* ***myspace.com/eugenialast*** *for Eugenia's blog,* ***astroadvice.com*** *for fun*

SUDOKU

Conceptis Sudoku *By Dave Green*

	1	6	9					5
9	3					2		
		8						
1			2				6	
		7		8		9		
	5				9			1
						4		
		9					2	6
2					5	8	3	

Difficulty Level ★★★★ 3/12

Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Conceptis Sudoku increases from Monday to Saturday.

Yesterday's SUDOKU Answer

7	8	9	6	2	4	3	5	1
2	5	3	9	7	1	4	6	8
4	1	6	5	3	8	9	2	7
5	6	4	8	1	9	7	3	2
8	7	2	4	6	3	1	9	5
9	3	1	7	5	2	8	4	6
3	4	5	2	8	7	6	1	9
6	9	8	1	4	5	2	7	3
1	2	7	3	9	6	5	8	4

Difficulty Level ★★★ 3/11

©2010 Conceptis Puzzles, Dist. by King Features Syndicate, Inc.

WONDERWORD®

By DAVID OUELLET

HOW TO PLAY: All the words listed below appear in the puzzle — horizontally, vertically, diagonally, even backward. Find them and **CIRCLE THEIR LETTERS ONLY. DO NOT CIRCLE THE WORD.** The leftover letters spell the Wonderword.

DIET SOFT DRINKS **Solution: 8 letters**

R	S	P	E	C	B	S	L	A	C	I	M	E	H	C
E	E	G	L	N	Q	A	A	W	E	I	G	H	T	A
F	A	N	N	U	D	F	R	P	R	A	G	U	S	R
R	D	S	E	I	G	O	U	G	R	O	U	P	L	B
E	M	N	P	T	V	R	R	E	A	I	F	R	A	O
S	C	I	E	A	E	A	V	S	Z	I	C	A	I	N
H	A	B	L	L	R	E	R	F	E	A	N	E	C	A
I	L	F	I	S	B	T	W	C	I	M	R	L	I	T
N	O	E	S	L	H	O	A	S	I	Z	E	C	F	I
G	R	T	A	I	L	N	O	M	E	L	Z	N	I	O
R	I	B	R	L	P	B	E	N	E	R	G	Y	T	N
O	E	S	A	E	R	P	O	N	C	O	O	L	R	I
L	T	W	C	A	N	S	I	A	L	O	C	V	A	H
O	S	E	N	B	O	D	Y	N	R	E	T	S	A	T
C	S	D	A	F	S	S	A	L	G	D	L	O	C	S

© 2010 Universal Uclick www.wonderword.com 3/12

Artificial, Aspartame, Bargain, Beverage, Billboard, Blend, Body, Brand, Calorie, Cans, Carbonation, Chemicals, Clear, Cola, Cold, Color, Cool, Cravings, Craze, Endorsement, Energy, Fads, Fizz, Flavor, Glass, Group, Gulp, Label, Lemon, Price, Pure, Quench, Refreshing, Savor, Sipping, Slim, Sugar, Swallow, Sweetener, Taste, Thin, Thirst, Trend, Weight

Yesterday's Answer: Breeze

We listened to your requests! **TREASURY #6** is the first-ever Wonderword book containing only 20 x 20 puzzles, with 75 of these large puzzles. To order, send check or money order for $16.95 each plus $3.25 p&h ($14.20 total each, U.S. funds only) for the first volume. $1.50 p&h for each additional volume, to Wonderword, Universal Uclick, 1130 Walnut St., Kansas City, Mo. 64106 or call toll-free 1-800-642-6480. Order online at upuzzles.com.

CLASSIFIED ADS

CLASSIFIEDS RATES AND POLICIES

Saipan Tribune's Classifieds Section gives you the right exposure without hurting your pockets. Stretch your dollar and get results.

CLASSIFIED LINER ADS

Saipan Tribune also offers a Super Saver Package—a complete 6-day run on both print and online edition, for as low as $27 for garage sales, apartment rentals, help wanted, auto and more. You can choose from any of the packages below.

ADS	(PRINT)	COMBO (PRINT AND ONLINE)
• 3-Liner	$15	$27
• 5-Liner	$24	$39
• 3-Liner with picture	$24	$42
• 5-Liner with picture	$36	$57

ADVERTISING DEADLINE

Classified Ads

Ads must be submitted before 12 noon 2 days prior to publication date

Saturday Issue:
- *Saipan Tribune:* All ads placed Friday before 12 noon will come out Saturday issue and anything placed thereafter will be published on Monday issue.

CANCELLATION

Classified Ads

Cancellations should be made before 12 noon of the day prior to date of publication.

REFUNDS

Refunds will only be made if cancellation deadlines are met. No refunds will be made once ad is already printed.

CHECK YOUR ADS

Saipan Tribune will not be responsible for errors after the first day of publication. Errors should be called in before noon of the issue date. *Saipan Tribune* reserves the right to place ads under proper headings and to revise copy when necessary.

ADVERTISING POLICY

All advertising in the *Saipan Tribune* are subject to applicable rate sheet, copies of which are available from the Advertising Sales Department (please call 235-8747, 235-2769 or 235-6397). All ads will be subject to approval prior to publication. We reserve the right to edit, refuse, reject or cancel any ad at any time. Also, *Saipan Tribune* reserves the right to place ads under proper headings and to revise copy when necessary.

WHATZIT?™

Find the familiar phrase, saying or name in this arrangement of letters.

BOGUS FACADE CHARADE

© 2010 WHATZIT? is a trademark of Paul Sellers Distributed by Universal Uclick

Find today's solution in this section

Looking for an

Electronics Technician

work assignment will be in Chuuk, FSM.

Please call **234-6533** for details.

QQ RENT A CAR
Starting as low as... $25.00
Call: 233-9889, 483-8866 or 233-8866
$100 Security Deposit Required
Please visit QQ Store Garapan (2nd Road behind Fire Station)

TJM Lawn Care Services
WE OFFER
$30.00 per house 500 sqm (negotiable)
Contact: Tahira S. Miah
Tel: 288-8897 • Cel: 287-8896

WHATZIT Solution: Under false pretences

CAREFREE LAWN CLEANING SERVICE 285-6640

FOR SALE
CONSTRUCTION CO. & RESTAURANT
GOOD RECORD
Please call 483-1123

Pacific Islands Club Saipan

We are currently seeking positive, outgoing individuals for the position of:

CLUBMATE

Applicants must have previous related work experience and must pass all American Red Cross Lifeguard requirements as well as a swim test that includes a 300 yard continuous swim. Must be able to work on weekends and holidays, with good verbal and written communication skills. Korean, Japanese or Russian language skills a plus, but not required.

All applications are available at PIC's Security desk at the south end of the hotel. Please submit your application to our Security desk before the deadline. Incomplete applications will not be considered.
Deadline to submit an application is at **5pm on Friday, March 19, 2010**.

PIC Saipan is an Equal Opportunity Employer

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

The Marianas Public Land Trust (MPLT) is looking to hire individuals to fill the following full-time positions:

1. Administrator
2. Administrative Assistant
3. Records Assistant

Closing Date: March 26, 2010

A detailed copy describing the individual position is available at the MPLT Office located on the 1st Floor, Morgen Building in San Jose.

Interested applicants are invited to submit their resume and a cover letter to:
MPLT Trustees
Morgen Building, Suite #106
P.O. Box 501089
Saipan, MP 96950

Marianas Maid Services
Are you overwhelmed at work?
Has taking care of your kids and the housework become a burden?
LET US MAKE YOUR HOME OR OFFICE
SPARKLE
Cleaning services starting as low as $40 per cleaning.
All equipment and cleaning supplies provided.
All our staff has been hand picked and are reliable.
Ironing, Laundry, Window washing and many other services available.
Contact Julie at 287-6542 to schedule an appointment.

FOR HIRE TO SAIPAN & GUAM OR CALIFORNIA
- PHYSICAL THERAPIST
- REGISTERED NURSE

Please submit your resume at
MARIANAS VISITING NURSES
"HOME HEALTHCARE SERVICES"
MVN
"MEDICARE/MEDICAID CERTIFIED"
Gualo Rai , Middle Road. For more information call 323-6877

EMPLOYMENT

Part Time-Physical Therapist needed immediately! Must be licensed in the CNMI up to $35/hr Call Pacific Home & Health Care, LLC at 234-2273 or email at jobs@pacific-nurse.com for more information Applications and inquires are kept strictly confidential.

FOR SALE

Limited time offer for 4 GB flash drive for only $9.99 at Sprockets & Rockets pls call 234 1425

FOR RENT - RESIDENTIAL

2 Bedroom Apartment for Rent. For $210.00 / month Koblerville, please call 288-0728.

Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands
State Board of Education
Public School System
P. O. Box 501370, Saipan, MP 96950

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS
PSS RFP 10-013

"SUMMER PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT SESSION"

The CNMI Public School System is soliciting competitive sealed proposals from individuals or firms interested in providing a **"Variety of professional development session in a range of program areas, including school improvement, school and district level leadership, curriculum and instruction, standards and assessment, out-of-time learning, and education technology"**. The Scope of Work is available beginning March 12, 2010 at the PSS Procurement & Supply Office located on the 3rd floor of the NMI Retirement Fund Building, Capitol Hill, Saipan, MP 96950.

There will be a Pre-Proposal Meeting on Thursday, April 1, 2010 at 10:00 A.M. in the 2nd floor Conference Room, Retirement Fund Building.

Questions must be in writing and addressed to Mr. Tim Thornburgh, Federal Program Officer via fax to 670.664-3797 or e-mail to thornburght@gmail.com no later than April 7, 2010.

Proposals shall be in a sealed envelope marked "RFP 10-013" containing (1) Original and Three (3) copies and submitted to the PSS Procurement and Supply Office no later than Thursday, April 15, 2010 at 10:30 A.M. Any proposals submitted after the aforementioned date and time will not be accepted.

This project is funded through a grant under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA).

/s/ Rita A. Sablan, Ed.D.
Commissioner of Education

/s/ Robert Florian
P&S Officer

Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands
State Board of Education
Public School System
P. O. Box 501370, Saipan, MP 96950

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS
PSS RFP 10-014

"LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM"

The CNMI Public School System is soliciting competitive sealed proposals from individuals or firms interested in developing an **"Enhance school leadership program to measure the leadership capabilities of our school instructional staff (teachers and school administrators) through a series of professional development activities and then through ongoing classroom observation"**. The Scope of Work is available beginning March 12, 2010 at the PSS Procurement & Supply Office located on the 3rd floor of the NMI Retirement Fund Building, Capitol Hill, Saipan, MP 96950.

There will be a Pre-Proposal Meeting on Thursday, April 1, 2010 at 1:00 P.M. in the 2nd floor Conference Room, Retirement Fund Building.

Questions must be in writing and addressed to Mr. Tim Thornburgh, Federal Program Officer via fax to 670.664-3797 or e-mail to thornburght@gmail.com no later than April 7, 2010.

Proposals shall be in a sealed envelope marked "RFP 10-014" containing (1) Original and Three (3) copies and submitted to the PSS Procurement and Supply Office no later than Friday, April 16, 2010 at 10:00 A.M. Any proposals submitted after the aforementioned date and time will not be accepted.

This project is funded through a grant under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA).

/s/ Rita A. Sablan, Ed.D.
Commissioner of Education

/s/ Robert Florian
P&S Officer

Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands
State Board of Education
Public School System
P. O. Box 501370, Saipan, MP 96950

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS
PSS RFP 10-017

"CAREER EXPLORATION, GUIDANCE AND DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM"

The CNMI Public School System is soliciting competitive sealed proposals from individuals or firms interested in providing a **"High Quality Career Exploration, Guidance and Development Program for CNMI Public School System."** The scope of work is available beginning March 12, 20 10 at the PSS Procurement & Supply Office located on the 3rd floor of the NMI Retirement Fund Building, Capitol Hill, Saipan, MP 96950.

There will be a Pre-Proposal Meeting on Wednesday, March 31, 2010 at 10:00 A.M. in the 2nd floor Conference Room, Retirement Fund Building.

Questions must be in writing and addressed to Ms. Jessica Barcinas-Taylor, CTE Program Coordinator via fax to 670.664-3796 or e-mail to butterspirit@yahoo.com no later than April 7, 2010.

Proposals shall be in a sealed envelope marked "RFP 10-017" containing (1) Original and Three (3) copies and submitted to the PSS Procurement and Supply Office no later than Wednesday, April 14, 2010 at 10:30 A.M. Any proposal submitted after the aforementioned date and time will not be accepted.

This Project is funded through a grant under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA).

/s/ Rita A. Sablan, Ed.D.
Commissioner of Education

/s/ Robert Florian
Procurement Officer

Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands
State Board of Education
Public School System
P. O. Box 501370, Saipan, MP 96950

Invitation of Bid
PSS IFB 10-018

"Technology and Related Equipment for Kagman High School (KHS)"

The Public School System and the State Board of Education are soliciting competitive sealed bids for the purchase of **Technology and Related Equipment for Kagman High School.** The Scope of Work is available beginning March 12, 2010 at the PSS Procurement & Supply Office located on die 3rd floor of the CNMI Retirement Fund building, Capitol Hill, Saipan MP 96950.

Questions shall be in writing no later than March 19, 2010 addressed to Robert Florian, Procurement Officer or e-mailed to the following address: **robert.florian@pss.cnmi.mp.**

Bids must be placed in a sealed envelope marked **"IFB 10-018"** containing one (1) original with Three (3) copies and submitted to the PSS Procurement & Supply Office situated on the 3rd Floor of the CNMI Retirement Fund Building, Capitol Hill, Saipan, ND 96950, no later than **March 26, 2010 at 9:00 a.m.,** at which time bids, will be publicly opened. Any bids received after the aforementioned date and time will not be accepted.

/s/ Rita A. Sablan, Ed.D.
Commissioner of Education

/s/ Robert Florian
Procurement & Supply Officer

Grizzlies beat Celtics for 1st time since '06

BOSTON (AP)—Rudy Gay scored 28 points to lead Memphis to a 111-91 victory over the Boston Celtics on Wednesday night and give the Grizzlies a franchise-record seventh straight road win.

It was the Grizzlies' first victory over Boston in seven tries since 2006.

O.J. Mayo scored 17 points and Zach Randolph had 13 points and 10 rebounds for Memphis.

Ray Allen and Rajon Rondo scored 17 points apiece, and Rondo added eight assists for the Celtics. It tied Boston's worst loss of the season—a 20-point loss to Cleveland last month that was the worst loss for the Celtics with Kevin Garnett in the lineup.

The Celtics lost in Milwaukee on Tuesday night to snap a four-game winning streak.

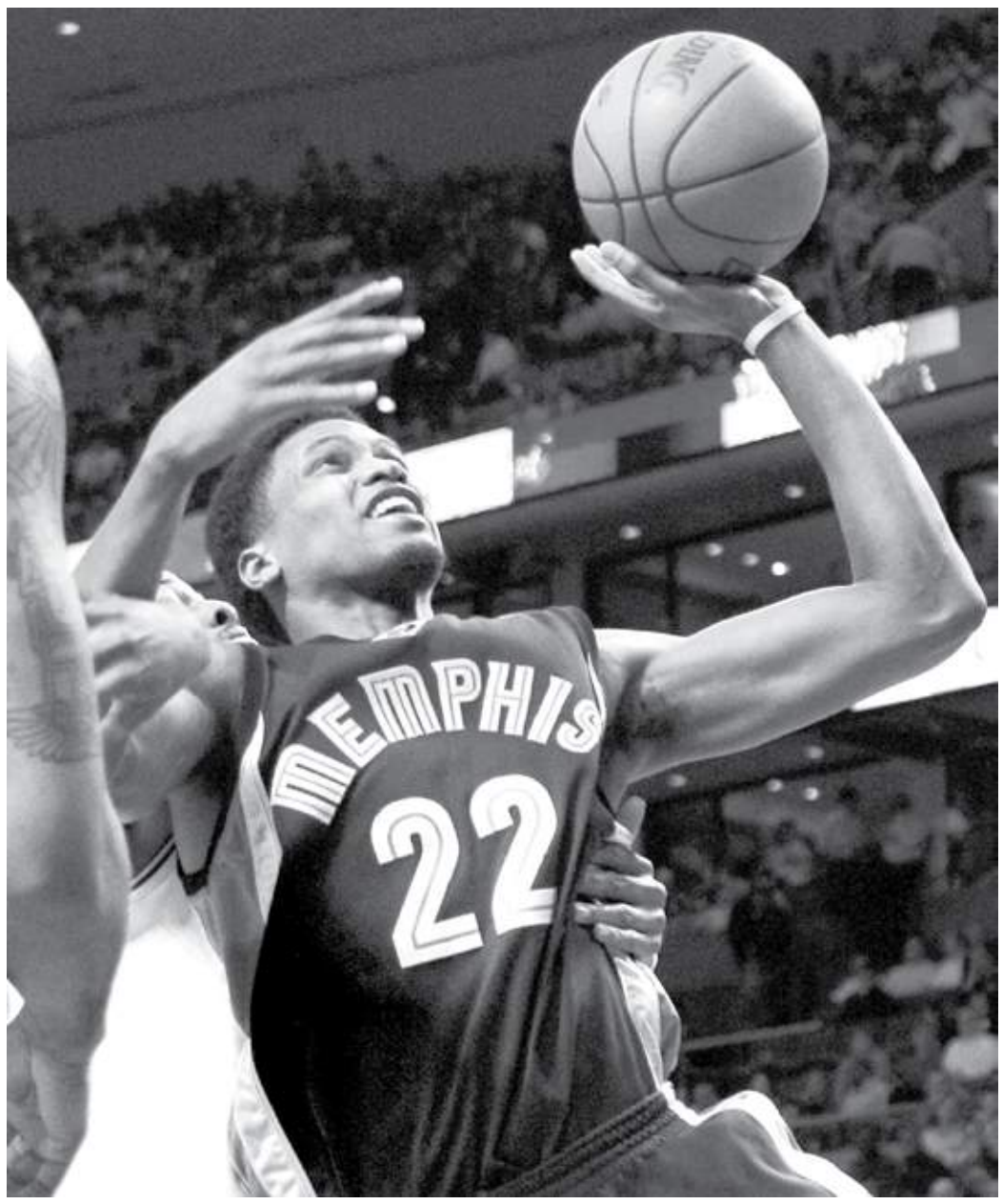
Memphis led by 15 after the first quarter, by 22 at the half and by 19 after three. The Grizzlies led by as many as 29 in the fourth quarter, when Garnett never got off the bench.

Celtics fans weren't about to sit still, though.

Having booed the team off the court at halftime, they emptied the TD Garden during a timeout midway through the fourth quarter. The 20-point defeat matched the worst with Garnett. They had a 31-point loss, also to Cleveland, in a game that Garnett missed last April with a knee injury.

Allen, who was 0 for 3 on Tuesday night, scored a team-high six points in the first quarter against Memphis—the only Celtic to make more than one basket in the period.

Memphis scored the last eight points of the quarter to take a 27-12 lead—a season low in points for Boston in the first quarter. The Grizzlies scored nine of the last 11 in the second quarter to make it 55-33; the 33 points also were a season low for a first half for Boston.



AP

Memphis Grizzlies forward Rudy Gay (22) is fouled from behind by Boston Celtics forward Paul Pierce as he goes up for a shot during the second half of an NBA basketball game in Boston on Wednesday, March 10, 2010.

Fans booed lustily as the Celtics left the court at halftime. And many of them just filed out quietly during a timeout with 5:41 to play, with the Celtics losing 102-77 and both teams emptying their benches.

David West scored 33 for the Hornets.

Jazz 115, Pistons 104

In Auburn Hills, Michigan, Utah beat Detroit for the 10th straight time.

Deron Williams had 18 points and 12 assists to lead seven Jazz players in double figures. Former Pistons center Mehmet Okur also finished with 18 points.

Detroit also had seven players score at least 10 points, led by Charlie Villanueva's 19, but couldn't avoid its seventh loss in eight games.

Spurs 97, Knicks 87

In San Antonio, the home team inflicted a defeat that ensured New York will have a franchise-worst ninth consecutive losing season.

Manu Ginobili scored 28 points and Tim Duncan had 18 for the Spurs, who have won five of six.

David Lee led the Knicks with 21 points and 10 rebounds.

Heat 108, Clippers 97

In Miami, the hosts extended their longest home winning streak of the season to four, downing Los Angeles.

Dwyane Wade had 27 points and eight assists and Jermaine O'Neal finished with 19 points and nine rebounds for Miami.

Former Heat forward Rasual Butler scored 31 points, two off his career best, for the Clippers, who lost their fifth straight. Los Angeles is 2-20 on the road since Dec. 19.

Nuggets 110, Timberwolves 102

In Minneapolis, Chauncey Billups scored 25 points and got a huge lift from role players Chris Andersen, Nene and J.R. Smith in Denver's victory over Minnesota.

Andersen had 14 points and 10 rebounds, Nene had 17 points and nine boards and Smith scored 15 as the Nuggets got their act together in the second half to deliver their fourth straight win.

Al Jefferson had 17 points and 10 rebounds for the Timberwolves, who lost their seventh straight game.

Bobcats 102, 76ers 87

In Philadelphia, Charlotte made it four successive wins, defeating Philadelphia.

Gerald Wallace scored 28 points on 9-for-10 shooting from the field and Stephen Jackson added 24 points and 10 rebounds as the Bobcats boosted their hopes of a first-ever postseason.

Rodney Carney led the Sixers with 14 points.

Kings 113, Raptors 90

In Sacramento, California, Tyreke Evans recorded his first career triple-double with 19 points, 10 rebounds and 10 assists, leading Sacramento over Toronto.

Beno Udrih had 24 points and eight assists for the Kings, who scored 43 points in the third quarter and snapped a three-game losing streak.

Andrea Bargnani scored 20 points for the Raptors, who have lost three straight.

Mavericks 96, Nets 87

In Dallas, the hosts matched the longest winning streak in the NBA this season, notching win number 13 against hapless New Jersey.

Jason Kidd had 20 points and nine assists, and Caron Butler added 16 points for the Mavericks, who drew level with Cleveland's 13-game streak in January-February.

New Jersey led by as many as 18 in the first half before the Mavericks fought back.

Former Mavericks guard Devin Harris scored 21 points for the Nets.

Ex-Spurs player Alvin Robertson returns to jail

SAN ANTONIO (AP)—Former NBA All-Star Alvin Robertson, facing sexual assault of a child and sex trafficking charges, is back in jail in San Antonio after a judge increased his bond.

Prosecutors say they had asked that Robertson's bail be doubled to $450,000 on Wednesday after allegations surfaced that he was threatening two women. The 47-year-old Robertson was still in jail late Wednesday.

He has been accused of being part of a sex trafficking ring that kidnapped a 14-year-old girl. Robertson, through his lawyer, has denied the allegations.

Attorney Jimmy Parks Jr. told the San Antonio Express-News the bond change was unusual because his client hasn't been charged with a new crime.

Marion Jones signs with WNBA's Tulsa Shock

TULSA, Okla. (AP)—Marion Jones hasn't lost much of her swagger.

The disgraced sprinter once called the world's fastest woman was introduced Wednesday as the newest member of the WNBA's Tulsa Shock and she offered no apologies for her steroids use or her time in federal prison. She was poised and ready for questions about her troubled past.

"The word redemption is not in my vocabulary," Jones said at a news conference, flanked by team president Steve Swetoha and coach Nolan Richardson. "I'm a competitor, I want to play against the best in the world, and I know that I will be doing that."

Her bid for a new career comes a decade after she starred at the Sydney Olympics, winning gold in the 100 meters, 200 meters and 1,600-meter relay, and bronze in the long jump and 400-meter relay. She was stripped of all five medals after admitting in 2007 that she was using performance-enhancing drugs—a designer steroid called the "clear"—at the time of the games.

Jones also spent about six months in a Texas prison for lying to federal prosecutors about doping and her role in a check-fraud scam.

The 34-year-old Jones joined the team just four days after working out for Richardson, who is also the team's general manager. She was signed to at least a one-year contract but terms were not disclosed.

Jones was the starting point guard on North Carolina's national championship team in 1994 and she was drafted by Phoenix in 2003 but never played in the WNBA. She said playing for the Shock is not about her past but instead fulfills her dream of playing basketball against the best players in the world.

"I think when I even started to think about this 10 months ago, I know how much the game has grown from the time that I played," Jones said. "And that became even more of a challenge for me, because I know that although I know certain things and played a certain way, that it's 10 times faster, that the athletes are 10 times more skilled."

WNBA president Donna Orender, who attended the news conference, said Jones generates interest in the league because she's a highly accomplished athlete who has competed on a global stage.

"This is a tremendous, real-life story of a person who made a choice that was not a wise choice, but is saying listen, 'I'm going to be a role model, I'm going to showcase what I'm going to do with the rest of my life,'" Orender told The Associated Press. "I join the rest of America in wanting to watch this story unfold."

Jones will join a team that is a work in progress. All-Stars Deanna Nolan and Katie Smith had agreed to contract extensions, but apparently won't play for Tulsa when the season begins in May.

Richardson said Nolan has indicated she intends to skip the upcoming season to rest instead of relocating with the team, which moved to Tulsa from Detroit in the offseason. And Smith, a six-time All-Star, has already said she doesn't plan to play in Tulsa and is listed as a free agent by the league.

Also unknown is how much of an initial draw the city's only major pro sports team will be. Tulsa County has a population of about 592,000 and Tulsa is the second-smallest city with a WNBA franchise, behind Uncasville, Conn.

If nothing else, Jones could be a draw.

"She made some ill-advised decisions in the past, but everyone deserves a second chance to excel at something they love," Swetoha said. "The city of Tulsa gave a struggling franchise from Detroit a second chance, and I'm confident it will do the same for Marion. We couldn't be happier to have her on board."

The Shock will play at 18,000-seat BOK Center downtown. The team itself has a great pedigree: Detroit made its WNBA debut in 1998 and won titles in 2003, 2006 and 2008.

Richardson, who led Arkansas to the men's NCAA championship the same year Jones won the title at North Carolina, plans to play the same "40 Minutes of Hell" style in the WNBA.

"Watching her go through drills, I saw a player who's perfect for our system," Richardson said. "The one thing I do know is she can run, and any player on my team who wants to be successful needs be able to run."

Garciaparra comes back to Red Sox to retire

FORT MYERS, Fla. (AP) — Six years after he was traded away for the final pieces of Boston's World Series puzzle, Nomar Garciaparra finally got a friendly farewell from the Red Sox.

The rookie of the year, batting champion and All-Star whose trade began a bitter back-and-forth in Boston and, for Garciaparra, an inglorious slide into irrelevance, signed a ceremonial one-day contract with the Red Sox on Wednesday for the purpose of retiring in the uniform of his original team.

"From the first day I had the thrill of putting on a Red Sox uniform and playing in front of all the great fans at Fenway Park, I have felt at home in Boston," Garciaparra said in a statement that belied the ugliness that accompanied his departure. "While I had the privilege of playing with other legendary teams, I always saw myself retiring in a Red Sox uniform."

Garciaparra announced he's leaving baseball at 36 to become an ESPN analyst, ending a 14-year career in which he was a six-time All-Star and two-time batting champion. But the career that started with the 1997 AL Rookie of the Year award began to crumble when the Red Sox tried to acquire Alex Rodriguez after the 2003 season—a deal that probably would have forced them to trade Garciaparra.

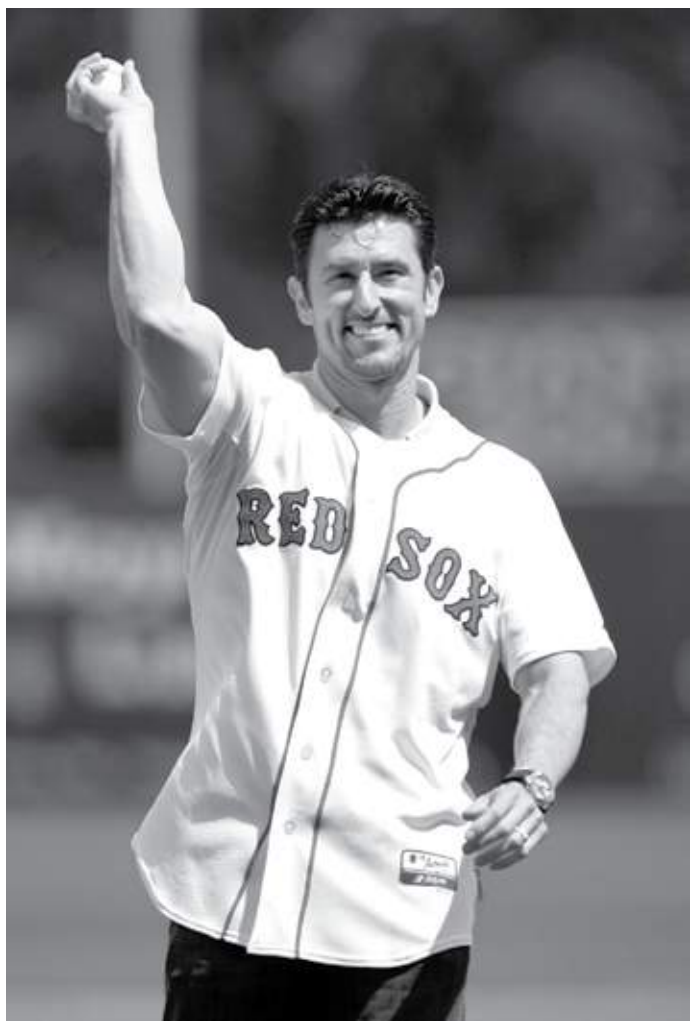
Although the Rodriguez deal fell through, the talks upset Garciaparra, and an Achilles' tendon injury that kept him out until June the next season didn't help his mood. It also didn't help that the market for shortstops had plummeted since he rejected a four-year, $60 million offer from the Red Sox.

With the Red Sox struggling at midseason, general manager Theo Epstein traded Garciaparra for shortstop Orlando Cabrera and defensive first baseman Doug Mientkiewicz. Accusations of disloyalty flew, and Red Sox fans were stunned to lose their "No-mah."

But they soon overcame their grief: The Red Sox went 42-18 for the best finish in baseball, capping the season with their first World Series crown since 1918.

Garciaparra watched from afar.

"I felt like I was there," he said. "In Boston there's something greater than an individual player winning a World Series. When I was there I realized there's something bigger than us winning a World Series. It's winning a World Series for these people."



AP

Former Boston Red Sox shortstop Nomar Garciaparra, who signed a one-day minor league baseball contract with the Red Sox , throws out the ceremonial first pitch before a spring training baseball game at City of Palms Park, in Fort Myers, Fla., Wednesday, March 10, 2010.

Epstein, who grew up in the Boston area, knew the risk he was taking by trading away the shortstop who had been the most popular player on the team.

"We've been fortunate over the years to maintain a relationship after the trade," Epstein said. "I think both of us understood at the time that it wasn't about Nomar and it wasn't about me. It was just baseball trades that happen. They're about what's going on with the team at the time and certain things that had to happen. But, it didn't change what Nomar meant to the Red Sox."

Terry Francona, who led the team to a World Series title in his rookie season as Red Sox manager, saw just the last few months of Garciaparra's time at Fenway Park.

"His last part in Boston was tough," Francona said. "He was kind of Boston-ed out. It had kind of wore on him for whatever reasons. Sometimes it's time to move on. That doesn't mean he's a bad person. I think the fact he's come back kind of shows that."

Garciaparra's teammates—the beneficiaries of his acrobatic defense and clutch hitting—found it appropriate that he retired in a Boston uniform.

"He was a Red Sox for a long time and I think he'll always be remembered as a Red Sox," said pitcher Tim Wakefield, who was Garciaparra's teammate for the shortstop's entire stay in Boston. "For the organization to sign him to a one-day deal and have him retire as a Red Sox is pretty special. I'm really happy for him. I wish he was still playing but sometimes our careers take different paths."

Garciaparra threw out the ceremonial first pitch before Wednesday's game against the Tampa Bay Rays, with former Red Sox and Georgia Tech teammate Jason Varitek catching.

"Nomar will always hold a special place in Red Sox history and in the hearts of Red Sox Nation," owner John Henry said. "His accomplishments on the field and in the community place him among the greatest players to wear a Red Sox uniform. We are very appreciative that Nomar is ending his career where it began."

Garciaparra spent the past five seasons with the Cubs, Dodgers and A's. He had a .313 career average with 229 home runs and 936 RBIs.

Garciaparra was in the thick of the Red Sox-Yankees rivalry but always earned the respect of his opponents in New York.

"I always enjoyed playing against Boston because of Nomar," Yankees shortstop Derek Jeter said. "I used to enjoy being mentioned with him."

Added Rodriguez: "I love Nomar. He's a great player and a friend."

NEW ARRIVALS!
Airconditions Window Type
Chest Freezers
As low as $11.95 /week 8,000 BTU
As low as $9.95 /week 5 Cu.Ft.
APPLIANCES
As low as $14.95 /week 12,000 BTU
As low as $15.95 /week 15 Cu.Ft.
As low as $11.95 /week 7 Cu.Ft.
This is a rent to own transaction. You do not own the product until all rental payments are made or purchase is made. See store for HUGE selection!
DIAL Rent-to-Own
90 DAYS SAME AS CASH!
NO CREDIT CHECKS!
NO REPAIR BILLS!
NO LONG TERM OBLIGATIONS!
AGANA Marine Corps Dr. 477-RENT Reserved Parking in Rear
DEDEDO Calvo's Center 637-RENT Behind Johndel's Supermarket
SAIPAN Middle Road 234-RENT Next to Subway

Last day of registration for 2010 CNMI women's basketball league

The Basketball Association of the Northern Mariana Islands is making a final call to all interested females age 15 and above who would like to play in the 2010 Women's Basketball League.

Players who have yet to sign up are urged to show up at the Gilbert C. Ada Gymnasium today at 5:30pm to register. This Friday will also serve as the official draft day for players and teams. Captains for each squad will be selected and participants will be drafted into teams consisting of 10 players.

Saipan's female players in action during a local tournament at the Gilbert C. Ada Gymnasium.

ROSELYN B. MONROYO

Registration is free and participants can contact Women's Basketball Association president Connie Camacho at 287-4824 or via e-mail at concam7@yahoo.com for more information, or Gabriel White at 234-6548 or via e-mail atawaawaa@hotmail.com. (PR)

XTERRA

From Page 36

sweltering heat. Sam Gardner and fellow United Kingdom triathletes Michael Hiscott and Emma Ruth Smith arrived on Monday, five-time women's champion Renata Bucher of Switzerland came on Tuesday, while inaugural XTERRA Saipan winner Mike Vine of Canada was in town since Wednesday. These pros will be joined by triathletes from Germany, Guam, Japan, and Australia.

The Championship course will cover a 1.5-kilometer swim off Micro Beach, a 30-km mountain bike race, and a 12-km trail run. The run and bike sections of the XTERRA race will start and end at Micro Beach and will cover many of the main roads in Garapan, as well as Middle Road, Capitol Hill, Wireless, Talafofo to Kingfisher, and up to Mt. Tapochao.

All run and bike trails were already marked and cleared for the safety of participants. Motorists are requested to take extra caution from 6am to 12pm, and give way to bikers and runners. The first finisher in the Championship course is expected to return to AMP past 9am.

The race in the Championship division will begin at 6am, while kick off for XTERRA Sport is set for 6:30am. XTERRA Sport covers a 750-meter swim, 20-k bike leg, and 5-k run.

All XTERRA participants are asked to pick up race packet today at the front desk of the Pacific Islands Club from 3pm to 5pm.

A pre-XTERRA run will be held later tonight with the staging of the Sunset Scramble 5K/10K Run at 5pm. At 7pm tonight, a reception party for XTERRA participants will be held at PIC.

The XTERRA final check-in is scheduled tomorrow between 5am and 6am. There will be an on-site awards ceremony for the Championship division at AMP around 11am, while handing of prizes is set at 7pm at PIC.

"The Marianas Visitors Authority is very excited about this series of races, and XTERRA," MVA managing director Perry Tenorio said. "This great combination attracts quality local and international competitors. We are looking forward to a weekend full of fun events."

PIC

From Page 36

mained winless in five games, while Pepsi absorbed its third defeat in four games after losing gunner Bonbon Cadagat. Cadagat gave Pepsi its first win late last month, hitting game-winning triple in the team's 98-97 triumph over McGraw-Hill.

When Pepsi returned to action after a two-week break, it was sans Cadagat, who went back to the Philippines on March 3. Without Cadagat, Pepsi kept pace with PIC only in first quarter, falling behind by only a deuce, 21-23.

However, PIC started pulling away in the second period behind Woon Jung's nine points and five markers apiece from three other players. At the break, PIC was on top by 11, 51-40 and the lead ballooned to as much as 22 in the third quarter.

Midway in the final canto, PIC was still comfortably ahead by double digits and the San Antonio-based team began letting its guard down, allowing Pepsi to cut the deficit to a decent number.

Rex Yabut scored 16 points for PIC off the bench, while Jung and Romy Baterina contributed 15 and 11 markers, respectively.

With Cadagat gone, Alex Lauron carried the cudgels for Pepsi, exploding for 39 points.

In the first game, Fiesta stepped on the pedal in the final canto to hand SGH/Docomo its fifth loss in as many games.

SGH/Docomo kept Fiesta at bay in the first three quarters, boosting the former's chances for its first win in the 15-team league. The first period ended in a tie, 25-25, and after the second quarter, the game was still in a deadlock, 49-49.

At the beginning of the second half, Fiesta got off too a good start, leading by as much as 13 points before John Sablan and James Villacrusis teamed up in a late rally and moved SGH/Docomo within one, 69-70.

However, SGH/Docomo failed to complete the come-from-behind win in the fourth period, as only Sablan scored more than a field goal in the fourth period. Besides Sablan, SGH/Docomo had only two other players making it to the scoreboard in the payoff canto.

Fiesta had a balance offense at the start of the fourth period and increased the lead to as much as 11, giving the team a luxury of fielding its second and third stringers in the last two minutes of the game.

Elmer Esdrelon top-scored for Fiesta with 29 points, while John March Ong and Rommel Usi chipped in 17 and 16, respectively.

First Game

Fiesta 92 – Esdrelon 29, J. Ong 17, Usi 16, De La Torre 8, Macoto 6, Rabago 5, Carino 4, Galag 4, Jinang 2, Salazar 2.

SGH/Docomo 83 – Villacrusis 30, Sablan 20, Lee 18, Maliwanag 12, Bustillo 2.

Scoring by quarters: 25-25, 49-49, 70-69, 91-82.

Second Game

PIC 95 – Yabut 16, Jung 15, Baterina 11, Barbo 9, Baculod 9, Pepito 8, Sanciangco 6, Danipog 6, Dacanay 4, Williams 4.

Pepsi 80 – Lauron 39, Garon 12, Maglaya 8, Cepeda 7, Lansang 6, Obnimaga 6, Babauta 2.

Scoring by quarters: 23-21, 51-40, 67-54, 95-80.

STANLEY

From Page 36

people involved in it. We have to make a move before it gets out of hand," the lawmaker said.

"I will check the bill and review the provisions and see what happens next," Torres added.

One of the provisions in H.L.B No. 16-26 is requiring MMA fighters to have license first before competing. Section 6, 3b (Licensing for contestant, promoter, manager, trainer, ring officials, and others) states that the Commission may deny an application for a license or grant a limited, restricted, or conditional license for any cause deemed sufficient by the Commission. Section 6, 3c then states an application for a license constitutes a request for a determination of the applicant's general suitability, character, and integrity.

Fitial and Charley were not the only MMA fighters in the Marianas in trouble, as Guam's Alex Castro was also arrested and charged with two assault cases. Castro, who alleged to have beaten his victims, had one in hostage, and demanded money from the victim's family, had also competed in MMA events on Saipan.

However, Guam has the Unarmed Combat Commission to sanction MMA fighters like Castro, threatening to have erring combatants' license revoked or slapped them with stiff penalties.

Stop blame game

Meanwhile, Trench Tech has appealed to the public not to blame them for Fitial's actions.

"It is important to acknowledge the individuality of each fighter and to avoid finger pointing them as a whole. It is irresponsible to blame MMA and all its athletes on the account of a select few. Why do people dub Kelvin only as an MMA fighter and not a basketball player who represented the CNMI to the Micronesian Games. It's easier to point the blame at MMA because we are a sport fighting entity and just the word fighting itself makes it easy to do so. MMA like basketball is a sport. Don't blame MMA for fighting incidences that take place outside the MMA arena," Alvarez said.

Fitial, who fights out of Marianas Elite, is also trying out for a slot on the CNMI Team that will compete in the 2010 Micronesian Games in Palau in August. *Saipan Tribune* e-mailed CNMI Men's National coach Rufino Aguon yesterday, asking what action, if any, is he planning after Fitial's arrest. However, at press time Aguon has yet to respond to the inquiry.

"It is imperative that each fight gym/team and martial arts school on island discipline each of their members/students. We at Trench Tech enforce this rule as mandatory and have been doing so since Day 1. We emphasize the importance of not applying what they learn outside of the gym unless it's for self defense and protection of their lives. In ending, I just want to say that MMA in general has done a lot of good for the community. I believe that Trench Tech and its team have done their share of good deeds throughout the community and will continue to do so," Alvarez added.

ARREST

From Page 36

my head. While taking graduate courses at the University of Florida, I did well enough in statistics to be offered a position there but in one of those life-changing fork-in-the-road decisions opted to return and call Saipan home.

The more you understand statistics, the more you realize just how frail, tenuous, and limited they really are. Poking holes in statistical methods and refuting research conclusions was fun in class, easier than one might imagine. Since then, I rely less on statistics and more on common sense.

We use statistics all the time even if we don't understand exactly what they mean. Numbers can paint a picture but cannot tell the whole story.

Probably the most misunderstood statistic is correlation. For example take this statistically accurate conclusion: people who eat carrots get cancer. The correlation between carrots and cancer is quite high but proves nothing. Correlations can suggest relationships but cannot prove causation.

Is there a correlation between mixed martial arts and community violence? Or school bullying? Or any other social woes?

Not having seen any definitive evidence, I'm not convinced. And proving cause and effect is far more complex. One person arrested is a fisherman. Does that mean fishing causes anti-social behavior? Of course not.

A good question is, if MMA is not related to anti-social behavior, then why did the media make a note of that in reporting the arrests? The plain reason is that how these young men are most recognized by the public.

An elementary school vice principal sent me an e-mail this week. Here is an excerpt: "Disciplinary data from my school reflects the tremendous impact MMA involvement has had on my school. As mentioned in a previous e-mail, in a single school year we had over 100 office referrals for bullying, fighting, and grappling on campus. After three years of MMA support, this school year we're down to one suspension for bullying, zero for grappling, and zero for fighting. I continue to believe these phenomenal results are a direct result of our Mega Skill, Peace Builder, and Virtue programs as well as the active involvement of mixed martial arts fighters (whom the children perceive to be local superstars) on a regular basis on our campus."

Personally I believe alcohol combined with poor decision-making is more responsible for trouble than mixed martial arts.

If I was really simplistic, I would simply blame rap music but then again, I like the Black Eyed Peas, Pitbull, and Flo Rida.

Last week was particularly bad on Saipan with a homicide, kidnapping, and multiple arrests for sexual abuse of minors. It should be noted that none of those alleged perpetrators have any involvement with mixed martial arts. Go figure.

TRIBUNE SPORTS SCORES

NBA STANDINGS

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Boston	40	23	.635	–
Toronto	32	31	.508	8
Philadelphia	23	41	.359	17 1/2
New York	22	42	.344	18 1/2
New Jersey	7	57	.109	33 1/2

Southeast Division

Orlando	45	20	.692	–
Atlanta	40	23	.635	4
Charlotte	32	31	.508	12
Miami	33	32	.508	12
Washington	21	40	.344	22

Central Division

Cleveland	50	15	.769	–
Milwaukee	34	29	.540	15
Chicago	31	32	.492	18
Detroit	22	42	.344	27 1/2
Indiana	21	43	.328	28 1/2

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Southwest Division

Dallas	45	21	.682	–
San Antonio	37	25	.597	6
Memphis	34	31	.523	10 1/2
Houston	32	31	.508	11 1/2
New Orleans	32	33	.492	12 1/2

Northwest Division

Denver	43	21	.672	–
Utah	42	22	.656	1
Oklahoma City	39	24	.619	3 1/2
Portland	38	28	.576	6
Minnesota	14	51	.215	29 1/2

Pacific Division

L.A. Lakers	47	18	.723	–
Phoenix	40	25	.615	7
L.A. Clippers	25	40	.385	22
Sacramento	22	43	.338	25
Golden State	17	46	.270	29

Yesterday's Games

Charlotte 102, Philadelphia 87
Memphis 111, Boston 91
Utah 115, Detroit 104
Miami 108, L.A. Clippers 97
Denver 110, Minnesota 102
Oklahoma City 98, New Orleans 83
Dallas 96, New Jersey 87
San Antonio 97, New York 87
Sacramento 113, Toronto 90

BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

LOCAL SCORES

SHIRLEY'S STANDINGS

MBI	6	0
World Resort	5	0
Aqua Resort	5	1
Fiesta Resort	5	1
AON/NJ Plus	3	2
Shirley's	3	2
Pacific Islands Club	3	2
Mobil	2	2
TBK	2	3
Pepsi	1	3
McGraw-Hill	1	3
Bank of Guam	1	3
Cell Pro	0	4
Docomo/SGH	0	5
Hard Rock	0	5

Lebria, Lixing bag JV MVPs

By ROSELYN B. MONROYO
roselyn_monroyo@saipantribune.com
REPORTER

Dai Lixing and Kaylani Lebria took home the most coveted individual award in the Coalition of Private School Sports Association Basketball League after being named most valuable player in their respective divisions.

Lixing bagged the MVP award in the boys junior varsity division of the private caging after leading Agape Christian School to the pennant and league's championship.

The Agape hotshot scored 31 points in the Torchbearers' heart-stopping 43-42 victory against dethroned champion Saipan International School in the junior varsity finals on Monday at the Gilbert C. Ada Gymnasium.

Lixing held his ground against the equally prolific Bo Barry of the SIS Geckos, matching the latter's basket almost in every play before the former's teammates—Wang Jianjun and Zheng Jing Wei—stepped in, preventing Barry and company from winning back-to-back championships.

Barry's heroic effort did not go unnoticed, as he was named among the best players in the five-team league. Joining Barry on the elite list were Agape's Mark Puno, Calvary Christian Academy's Jericho Regis Perez, Grace Christian Academy's Daniel Camacho, and Mt. Carmel School's Jared Sablan.

In the girls division, Lebria was the best among the best, leading Mt. Carmel on offense consistently in the regular season and playoffs. Her basket in the closing seconds gave the Knights a 29-28 lead over GCA and the Lady Knights went on to preserve the lead en route to a title win.

Lebria was part of MCS' team that bowed to the Lady Eagles in last season's junior varsity finals, but this year made sure the Lady Knights finished on top of the league. She scored 16 points in the championship match, drilling eight in the third period to anchor Mt. Carmel's comeback bid.

Other top individual performers in the girls junior varsity caging were Calvary's Savannah Delos Santos, GCA's Julie Muna, Mt. Carmel's Amy Taylor, and SIS' Jeane Bracken.

ROSELYN B. MONROYO
Agape Christian School's Dai "James" Lixing goes for a reverse layup against an SIS defender during their title game in the Coalition of Private School Sports Association Basketball League on Monday at the Gilbert C. Ada Gymnasium.

Homers power IT&E Faja to softball title win

By ROSELYN B. MONROYO
roselyn_monroyo@saipantribune.com
REPORTER

The anticipated close title match in last weekend's 2010 Annual Crime Stoppers Softball Tournament ended in a blowout with IT&E Faja routing Megabyte, 23-9.

The eventual champion hit one homer after another at the Capital Hill Ballfield to wrap up the title showdown early. In the finals, IT&E Faja needed only one game to secure the title, while Megabyte must beat the former twice to steal the championship.

Third baseman Manny Sablan started IT&E Faja's homerun spree when he blasted a three-run round-tripper at the top of the first inning. Earlier left fielder Byron Kaipat had a two-run single giving IT&E Faja a 5-0 lead.

Megabye cut the lead to two after one complete inning, 3-5, on Julian Camacho's three-run homer of his own.

At the top of the second, IT&E Faja's next two batters singled, while four of the team's next five batters homered to begin the breakaway. Giovanni Ayuyu drilled a three-run homer, Kaipat's round-tripper drove Joey Dela Cruz home, while Sablan and Toi Celis logged one solo homer each.

After two complete innings, it seemed the fight was over, as IT&E Faja went ahead, 12-4.

The eventual champion scored three more homers in the next four innings with Dela Cruz and Ayuyu hitting a two-run round tripper apiece and Sablan recording the lone grand slam in the tournament.

Sablan was perfect at bat in the finals, going 4-for-4 and scoring three runs and eight RBIs. Ayuyu and Celis had similar 4-for-5 performance at the plate and contributed four runs each. Ayuyu added five RBIs, while Celis made two RBIs.

Megabyte posted only three homers, but two of them were solo round tripper, courtesy of one each from Camacho and Jeff Isaac.

Megabyte got off to a good start behind Camacho's three-run homer at the bottom of the first inning, but in the last six innings, the best it could do was scored two runs in the third inning.

The championship win was a big lift for IT&E this year, as it fielded a team in last year's Crime Stoppers tournament but bowed out of competition in the first round of the playoffs.

CONTRIBUTED PHOTO
Members of champion team IT&E Faja and organizers of the 2010 Annual Crime Stoppers Softball Tournament pose for a group photo at the Capital Hill Ballfield.

Sherwin Williams rules Monday Night bowling

By ROSELYN B. MONROYO
roselyn_monroyo@saipantribune.com
REPORTER

Sherwin Williams was crowned champion of the ninth season of the Philippine Bowling Association-Budweiser Monday Night Bowling League, besting nine other teams.

In the 18-week league, Sherwin Williams posted a 47-25 record and had a winning percentage of 65.3. It tallied 41,771 pinfalls or averaged 583 pinfalls per game. The champion team was composed of Ed and Helen Caranzo, Cora Muna, Manny Vilaga, Nestor Tusi, and Melvin Malvar.

Bicol Express came in second place with its 44-28 record or 61.1 winning percentage. Bicol Express, which had Raymond Angeles, Kitz Barja, Paul Bea, Rey Madrilejos, Richard Leong, Resty Ancheta, and Orly Ebuen as members, logged a total of 41,627 pinfalls in 18 weeks for an average of 678 every game.

Finishing third was Saipan Bowling Center, which was composed of Alex Cacdac, Simon Manacop, and Gigi, Raymond, Ross, and Russelle Zapanta. The Zapanta-led SBC completed the ninth season with a 40-32 record, 55.6 winning percentage, 42,506 pinfalls, and an average of 700 pinfalls per match.

Bring It On tied SBC in win-loss record, but dropped to fourth after losing the tiebreak. Rounding out the Top 5 was Cyborg. Other teams that competed in the ninth season were Super Dadi, Mix Breed, Pacific Wellness Center, J's Restaurant, and And Company.

Cash prizes were awarded to the Top 5 finishers. Sherwin Williams also received a championship trophy.

Monetary rewards were also given to teams and individuals, who reigned in the high game scratch, high series scratch, high game with handicap, and high series handicap.

Pacific Wellness prevailed in the high game with handicap and high series handicap, tallying 952 and 2,631 pinfalls, respectively. Mix Breed won the high game scratch category with its 815 pinfalls, while Super Dadi took the high series scratch honors, posting 2,305 pinfalls.

In the men's division, Mix Breed's Percy Omechelang swept all categories, while in the women's division, Super Dadi's Diane Chong and SBC' Gigi Zapanta won two categories each. Chong topped the high game scratch (237) and high game with handicap (278), while Gigi Zapanta ruled the high series scratch (583) and high series with handicap (694).

Ron Cal and Robert Talavera won the high average category in the women's and men's divisions after recording 170.55 and 197.80, respectively.

Two more awards were given with Alex Castro of Mix Breed and Helen Caranzo of Sherwin Williams taking the most improved player plums in the men's and women's divisions.

CONTRIBUTED PHOTO
Members of Sherwin Williams pose with their championship trophy after ruling the ninth season of the Philippine Bowling Association-Budweiser Monday Night Bowling League.

NMA to hold qualifiers for All Schools

Northern Marianas Athletics will be holding a series of qualifying tournaments for the 2010 All Schools Track and Field Championships.

The first of the six qualifiers will start on March 22 and the qualifying tournament will end in the last week of April, giving participants enough time to prepare for the All Schools meet.

The All Schools championship will run for three days or from May 13 to 15. Events set for May 13 and 14 will be held from 5pm to 9pm, while the last day of the tournament will run from 8am to 12pm.

A coaches meeting is scheduled for March 15 at 4:30pm to gauge interest of participating schools, both in public and private. The meet is open to students in elementary, junior high, and high school divisions.

Interested schools have until March 18 to send filled up entry forms.

The first qualifier will run from March 22 to 25 at the Oleai Sports Complex track and field facility. The second qualifier will be held from March 29 to 31 and April 1. The third qualifier will run from April 5 to 8; fourth from April 12 to 15; fifth from April 19 to 22; and sixth and last from April 26 to 29. All qualifiers will take place from 4pm to 7pm.

A week before the All Schools championship, NMA will hold the final coaches meeting on May 5 at 4:30pm. NMA will also hold the CNMI National Championship in May, from May 6 to 8 with the time to be announced later.

Entry forms and team manuals can be picked up at the Ada Gym office from Monday to Friday, from 7:30am to 4:30pm. For more information, contact Elias Rangamar at 664-2502 or e-mail at eli_rang@yahoo.com. ***(Roselyn B. Monroyo)***

ROSELYN B. MONROYO
From left, Clayton Kenty, Heartim Williams, and Eugene Dillay in action in the 4x100m meter relay event in last year's All Schools meet at the Oleai Sports Complex.

Grizzlies beat Celtics for 1st time since '06

PAGE 32

Saipan Tribune
Sports

Garciaparra comes back to Red Sox to retire

PAGE 33

All set for tomorrow's XTERRA

By ROSELYN B. MONROYO
roselyn_monroyo@saipantribune.com
REPORTER

It's all systems go for tomorrow's 2010 XTERRA Saipan Championship with more than 100 triathletes expected to participate in the biggest off-road race in the region.

The weekend's race will have competitions in the Championship and Sport divisions. As of Tuesday, participants in the individual Championship totaled 62 and four in team. In the Sport division, six have registered in the individual and four in the team event. More triathletes are expected to join this Saturday's race, as registration is still open until this afternoon.

In the individual Championship event, majority of the pros are already here, trying to get acclimated early in anticipation of the

See XTERRA on Page 34

ROSELYN B. MONROYO

2010 XTERRA Saipan participants pose for a group photo before heading to the trail at Anak's on Wednesday.

PIC snaps skid; Fiesta triumphs

By ROSELYN B. MONROYO
roselyn_monroyo@saipantribune.com
REPORTER

Pacific Islands Club is back on track, while Fiesta Resort & Spa Saipan continued to keep pace with leaders in the 2nd Annual Shirley's Coffee Shop Invitational Basketball League as the two teams prevailed in separate matches on Wednesday at the JP Center Basketball Court.

PIC routed Pepsi, 95-80, ending the former's two-game losing skid. In the first match, Fiesta outgunned Saipan Grand Hotel/Docomo, 91-82, to improve to a 5-1 record and move half a game behind second place World Resort/Advance and one win off league-leading and defending champion Micronesian Brokers, Inc.

Saipan Grand Hotel/Docomo re-

See PIC on Page 34

Pacific Islands Club's Heartim Williams battle two Pepsi players for the rebound during their game in the Shirley's caging on Wednesday at the JP Center Basketball Court.

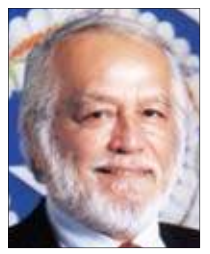
ROSELYN B. MONROYO

Stanley plans to re-introduce MMA bill

By ROSELYN B. MONROYO
roselyn_monroyo@saipantribune.com
REPORTER

Rep. Stanley Torres has plans of re-introducing a bill that would regulate mixed martial arts in the CNMI in light of the recent arrests of MMA fighters Kelvin Fitial and Maitai Charley.

Torres during the second regular session of the 16th Northern Marianas Commonwealth Legislature introduced House Local Bill No. 16-26 to establish the Saipan Local Athletic Commission, which will implement regulations on mixed martial arts activities in the Commonwealth. A public hearing was held on June 3, 2009, weighing the pros and cons of the MMA bill, however the bill was never enacted to law.



Torres

Fitial, who was arrested last week for assault with a dangerous weapon, assault and battery, and disturbing the peace, was among those who testified in the public hearing and pointed out the good effects of MMA on him. Fitial and Charley, who was also arrested last week for assault and battery, criminal mischief, and disturbing the peace, are regular fixtures in MMA events.

Trench Tech, Inc., which is one of two promoters of MMA fights in the CNMI, reiterated that while it had no control of the fighters' activities outside the eight sides, it has rules and regulation stipulated in fight contracts that state "Trench Tech Inc. reserves the right to refuse any request to participate in MMA events if you have a pending criminal case or have been convicted of a crime (misdemeanor) and more seriously, a felony."

Trench Tech, Inc, through its promoter and president Cuki Alvarez, added the MMA group is now considering "re-wording" clause in the rules and regulation and enforcing them to the fullest.

Torres, in a phone interview with *Saipan Tribune* Wednesday night, said that with no specific group in charge of sanctioning erring MMA fighters, it is but necessary to put up one.

"It [having a commission] is a legitimate call to regulate MMA and the

See STANLEY on Page 34

Arrest this

I have seen thousands of murders on television. I've never killed anyone. Have no intentions.

I like watching championship boxing. I never had the desire to enter the ring.

Simply put, I am more into peace and love than blood and guts. Clint Eastwood is my favorite actor but Dirty Harry is not my role model. If I was King of the World, I would outlaw guns. But I am not, so I deal more with what is real than my idea of ideal.

The arrests (not convictions) last weekend of three young men who coincidently are involved in mixed martial arts is sure to stir debate about the sport's effects and impact. All three are involved in other activities of course but it's their association with MMA that raises eyebrows and invites questions. Never mind that the vast majority of fighters are fine, upstanding young men, or that the mass apprehension involved mostly people with other pursuits.

In college my favorite subjects were psychology and statistics. Perhaps the reason statistics was so easy for me was because when I was in elementary school I liked to calculate batting averages in

See ARREST on Page 34

OFF THE BENCH

By BOB COLDEEN
Special to the Saipan Tribune

Coldeen is a longtime journalist in the CNMI and is currently the news director of KSPN2